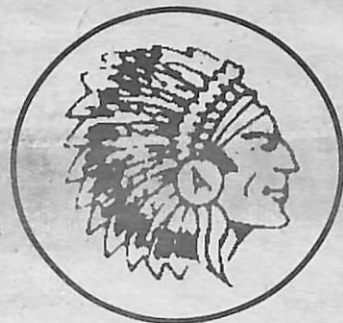


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"A Taste Of Germany" At Oktoberfest



SELLING "A TASTE OF GERMANY" cookbooks at Oktoberfest 2000 were Springfield Turnverein members Janet Hadden (left) and Wilma Gillan. The Turnverein's annual late summer fest was once again a huge success this year. Anyone interested in purchasing one of these cookbooks can call the club at 786-0924. (See additional photos on Page 10.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Nominations Re-Opened...

Council Again Deadlocked On Vacant Seat

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

The Town Council remains a group of only 10 and is still deadlocked more than one month after a vacant seat was left by the sudden death of Councilor Kent Servis on July 27th.

After a discussion of the leading candidates, former Town Councilors Donald Rheault and John Negrucci, Council President Robert Magovern asked for a move to vote at the Town Council meeting September 5th. The 10 councilors held steadfast to the candidates they voted for 29 times in a row just a few weeks ago in a 5-5 deadlock.

Rather than continue the 5-5 impasse and another rash of stalemated rounds, the council voted to table the issue in order to open the elections for more candidates.

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"All Smiles" On The First Day Of School...



ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL "Cafeteria Ladies" Jennifer Hall, Carolyn Castello, Gerry Bonavita, and Sandy Haskins are gearing up for lunchtime on the first day of school. IN RIGHT PHOTO: MacKenzie Daigneault is seen with her mom at Robinson Park School before the start of classes on the first day. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

COUNCIL - from Page 1

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest in the seat to Magovern, and the council will offer an opportunity for candidates to speak at the next Town Council meeting.

Supporting Rheault were Magovern, Council Vice-President Robert Young, Councilors Richard Morassi, Gina Letellier, and Robert Rossi.

Councilors Dennis Perry, Joseph Mineo, Jill Simpson, Anthony Bonavita, and George Bitzas voted for Negrucci.

One reason Negrucci supporters were adamant in their support is the fact that Negrucci came in 12th in the 1999 election, losing to Servis by just four votes.

Negrucci's Original Appointment...

Rossi reminded the council that when Negrucci was appointed to the council, it was to fill a seat vacated by the death of Councilor Thomas Ennis, Sr. Negrucci was voted in, even though Anthony Saracino was 12th in line.

"If, at that time, Mr. Negrucci had said in all fairness to give it to Mr. Saracino, I would be the spear in this council to support Mr. Negrucci," Rossi said. "But he chose not to embrace that status at that time, but he chooses that status now.

"The truth before us today is the fact that Mr. Rheault is more qualified than Mr. Negrucci," Rossi continued.

"For me," Bonavita said, "this is a vote of fairness. That's not a political buzzword; it means what it is."

Ms. Letellier addressed the issue of fairness out-

side the voting table.

"Any possibility I may have had of changing my vote has become zero after the shenanigans that happened after the 29-round vote," she said, giving a nod to rumors and other comments made outside the council meetings.

Magovern also acknowledged the rumor mill, stating that "there's been a lot said," but that the only comments he gives credit to are those said to his face or those that are written and signed.

None of the 10 councilors made an official vote in support of citizens who have come forward to join the council. Ruth Carr Bitzas, a former Agawam Veterans' Agent who retired earlier this year and a former President of the Western Mass. Veterans' Agents Association, submitted a letter on August 24th to Magovern expressing interest in the seat.

"Since we have the opportunity to pick from a group of suitable people, why not pick the most suitable person?" Letellier asked, offering the possibility of support for a candidate other than Rheault and Negrucci.

Several councilors wondered if the vote could be opened to the public.

"I asked the clerk if it's possible to delegate our vote to the people," Bonavita said. With upcoming elections, it seemed a natural solution, Perry added.

"I found that we cannot have a municipal election at the same time as a federal election," Bonavita said.

A special election would have to be approved in order to turn the vote over to the public. And that takes time and money, Magovern said.

Agenda For School Committee's Regular September 12th Mtg.

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
Tuesday, September 12th - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education.
7. Old Business.
8. Business Meeting.
- a. Routine Matters.
- 1) Approval of Minutes.
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence.
- b. Warrants/Transfers.
- c. Reports:
1. Ad Hoc Committees - L. Galarneau.
2. Legal Services - L. Galarneau.
3. Redistricting Update - T. Kozloski.
9. New Business.
- a. SCR00-24 - Petition for Funding of a Full-time Nurse at the Early Childhood Center.
- b. SCR00-25 - Approval for Extension of Contract for Mary A. Czajkowski, Assistant Superintendent.
- c. Approval of Contract for Special Education Legal Services.
10. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
11. Adjournment.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Agawam Golf & Grill for property at 369 Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Letters To The Editor

Craig Waryasz Golf Tourney Is Once Again A Success

To The Editor:

The Third Annual Craig O. Waryasz Tournament was held at Shaker Farms Country Club on July 28th. The tournament was an enormous success, with a great day for golf and dinner to follow.

The proceeds from the tournament go to the Craig O. Waryasz scholarship fund, providing Agawam High School students with an opportunity and aid to fund their education. This year, the scholarship was presented to Stephanie McLean by Mayor Cohen and Agawam High School guidance counselor Alan Cohen. Stephanie showed exceptional skills both scholastically and athletically. The Scholarship Committee would like to wish Stephanie success in her future endeavors.

The Tournament Committee would like to thank the area businesses that provided financial support and raffle prizes, as well as participants in the tournament. This year's tournament was a success thanks to you. For this, the Tournament Committee would like to thank the following:

Luigi's Pizza 'N' Pasta, New England Door Closer, Luigi's Auto Body, Larry Mobile, Vinny Petrangelo, Michael Poggi, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, RC Construction, Langone Plumbing and Heating Supply, Hu Ke Lau, Chicopee Policemen's Union, Agawam Policemen's Union, ILS Business Services, Inc., Independent Fence, the Bresnahan family, Merrill Lynch Affeldt/Miles Group, Digital Connection - Voicestream Distributor, the Plante family, Costigan Paint, and the Schroeder family.

Sincerely,

Craig O. Waryasz Memorial Golf Committee

Our Summer Entertainment Series Was Highly Memorable

To The Editor:

Agawam as a musical mecca? You bet!

Thanks to the Cultural Council, Agawam has been host to a variety of great music on the green at Phelps School this summer. My family and I have attended several concerts and have been thrilled with the quality of the music.

Mike Grandfield and his colleagues, along with the sponsors, have done a terrific job of providing our community with wonderful entertainment. From blue to disco, to South American music to soul, the choices were inspired and the talent was first-rate.

I know it's hard to please everyone, but the Cultural Council came pretty close. Witness all the people dancing ... lots of happy folks, young and old.

Keep up the good work, Cultural Council. Thanks for a fun summer. I'm already looking forward to next year!

Michael A. Serafino
Feeding Hills

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please remember that the "front" door is actually our "back" door. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance.

Thank you...

Council Rebukes Resolution On Law Department Approval

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

Town Council voted down a resolution calling for approval by the town solicitor or his designee in the Law Department prior to an official vote by the council.

The vote was 6-4 not to accept the resolution. Councilors Jill Simpson, Anthony Bonavita, George Bitzas, and Joseph Mineo supported the resolution.

Council President Robert Magovern, Vice-President Robert Young, and Councilors Gina Letellier, Richard Morassi, Robert Rossi, and Dennis Perry voted against the resolution, which was an amendment to Council Rule #9 Filing Deadline concerning "submission to solicitor."

The amendment stated that: *Any resolution, order or ordinance being submitted to the City Council Agenda must be approved as to form and legality by the city solicitor or his designee in the Law Department prior to an official vote on said matter listed in old business. However, such items may be placed on the agenda under new business while waiting for approval of the solicitor before the official vote. It is suggested that any items be submitted to the solicitor at least one week before the matter appears on the agenda for the final vote.*

"This resolution says that submissions must be approved (by the Law Department)," Rossi said, emphasizing the word *must*. "I have a real problem with that."

A Time-Consuming Process...

Rossi and others contend that right now, the council can vote to approve something and then bring it to the solicitor to ensure legality. Waiting to vote until the solicitor gives permission will be a time-consuming process, one some of them believe could be stalled deliberately.

"I would like to speak against this ordinance," Morassi said. "It ignores reality. Prior to having a mayor, the solicitor answered to the council. After the mayoral form of government, the solicitor answers to

the Mayor. The reality is that the solicitor will listen to the Mayor. I think it massacres the separation of powers."

Bonavita, who co-sponsored the resolution with Bitzas, disagreed.

"In my opinion, this is not a separation of power issue," Bonavita said. "The solicitor works for everyone. This (resolution) will stop the embarrassment to the council if it votes on something then finds out it's illegal."

Ms. Letellier supported Morassi's beliefs.

"There are times when the administration and the council are at odds," she said. "The solicitor takes the side of the Mayor to preserve the job. I think that's a real possibility."

Ms. Letellier added that giving the solicitor that amount of power would be like making that person "god."

Mayor Richard A. Cohen, who was in the audience, shook his head in disagreement at statements made to that effect.

"I respectfully and strongly disagree," Bitzas said. He said that the solicitor answers to the law.

"He does not answer only to the Mayor; he listens to the law books and the council," Bitzas said.

The resolution came about when a request was made by the council to the rules subcommittee to research if there was a rule regarding solicitor approval. Young discussed the goal of researching such a resolution was not to "give away any of the power" of the council and the community, and suggested changing the word "must" to "should" would make the resolution a guideline rather than a rule.

"I'm not willing to relinquish the authority vested in me when I was elected," Rossi said.

A question about the word "official" in the amendment was also raised, and council voted to change "official" to "final."

Quarterly Tax Bill Proposal Put On Hold By Council

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

Agawam taxpayers will have to continue paying their taxes bi-annually for now.

Town Council voted to table a resolution providing for the payment of real estate and personal property taxes on a quarterly basis commencing with fiscal year 2002.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen was among the citizens who spoke in favor of the resolution during Citizen's Speak Time.

"The number of communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which have adopted quarterly taxes

is now at 187, and growing," Cohen said. "The quarterly tax option was designed by the state to increase interest earnings and reduce borrowing costs to municipalities."

Agawam Treasurer-Collector Laurel Placzek also spoke on behalf of the resolution, stating that the town will receive an estimated \$100,000 in net revenue generated by quarterly tax bills.

"Quarterly tax bills also provide a benefit to taxpayers on a fixed income and those with no mortgage

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escrow accounts by breaking the amounts down into four payments so that they pay a smaller amount each quarter," Placzek said.

A quarterly tax bill will also reduce penalties for payments made immediately after the due date, she added.

Right now, taxpayers pay more than \$11 for being just one day late, and the law for semi-annual tax bills requires payment of 31 days' interest from the date of billing. According to Placzek, the law for quarterly billing requires the interest penalty to be calculated from the due date, which would be just \$0.19 for a day-late payment.

Several town residents came forth to speak in support of the quarterly tax.

"Our board decided to present the property tax change to the club and take a hand vote," said Chapter One Golden Age Club President Jean Riberdy. "Most are homeowners who said they would greatly welcome a quarterly payment."

Councilor Gina Letellier offered her wholehearted support of the resolution, but several other councilors requested more information.

"I personally don't like quarterly taxes," Councilor Richard Morassi said. "But if seniors decided they want it, I'd be happy to vote for it. But I would like to see a public hearing on it."

Several senior citizens in the audience were visibly upset, stating that many of the seniors in town have spoken in favor of the billing change.

"I, too, would be in favor of a public hearing," Councilor Robert Rossi said. "I think there are cost-worth factors to consider, and I'd like a little more time to digest this thing."

The resolution will be on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting on Monday, September 18th.

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Rep. Keenan Highlights FY 2001 Budget

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget. The final Budget, approved by Governor A. Paul Cellucci, provides for \$21.55 billion in statewide funding for the 2001 fiscal year that began July 1st. The budget included major provisions in education, special education, senior citizen benefits, tax cuts, as well as local initiatives.

This year's budget increases spending for k-12 education by \$225 million, including a \$187 million increase in formula aid to schools, \$20 million to double the amount of spending for MCAS remediation, and \$18 million to reduce class sizes throughout the Commonwealth. Additionally, several special education changes will be enacted over the next two years. As of January 1, 2002, the standard delivery of special education services changes from "maximum feasible benefit" to the federal standard, "Free, appropriate public education." Also, the eligibility criteria will be tightened by categories of specific learning impairment and emotional impairment.

Senior citizens also benefited from the budget with the HOPE Plan, a Prescription Drug Benefit. This initiative provides affordable comprehensive prescription drug coverage for the state's 850,000 seniors. The plan calls for an unlimited prescription drug benefit, premiums ranging from \$15 to \$82 a month, deductibles of between \$100 and \$500 a year, and full

coverage for those hit by overwhelming drug costs.

Continuing a decade-long trend, tax cuts were also made part of this year's budget. State lawmakers adopted an initiative allowing charitable deductions in state income tax filings. This initiative allows Massachusetts residents to deduct all charitable contributions from their state income tax returns, just as they do on their federal returns.

The communities of Agawam and Southwick also benefited directly from the new budget in which they received funds for local aid and newly established projects. Education aid increased in Agawam to \$11,423,637, an increase of 87 percent since 1994. The Southwick-Tolland School System will receive \$6,809,169 in education aid in 2001. Southwick will also receive \$30,000 for the design of a handicap-accessible public fishing pier and boarding docks on Congamond Lake.

Additionally, \$514,597 was granted to operate the State Veterans' cemetery in Agawam, and \$150,000 for improvements to the cemetery already under construction.

"The residents of the Commonwealth continue to benefit from a strong economy. Education, senior issues, tax cuts, and local aid were again priority items for the Legislature," said Representative Keenan.

VFW Post 1632 To Hold First Mtg. Of The Year

The first meeting of the year for VFW Post 1632 will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Post on South Street

Newly-elected Post Commander Stan Chmielewski and his officers will discuss the present status of our Post as well as future plans. We ask all members to attend this very important meeting.

A change in the national by-laws of the VFW now opens membership to all military veterans (and this

includes anyone who had a relative that was or is a veteran). We ask you all to come and join us.

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Town Of Agawam Business Survey

Dear Business Owner:

In an effort to advance economic development, to expand and develop retail and small businesses, and to promote their success, the Town of Agawam is requesting the assistance of Agawam's business community. In conjunction with Springfield Technical Community College, the Springfield Enterprise Center, and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, the attached business survey has been prepared.

We ask that you take a few moments to complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Town of Agawam by November 1, 2000. With the assistance of the above-mentioned organizations, the Town will compile the survey responses. The information supplied by Agawam businesses will be helpful in determining the ways in which the Town can assist small businesses.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your input is extremely valuable. If you care to speak to me directly, I can be reached at 786-0400, extension 200.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Cohen
Mayor

In order to enhance the economic development of our community, at this time we believe we need to focus on businesses. Agawam is mounting an effort in cooperation with Springfield Technical Community College and the Springfield Enterprise Center to develop businesses and work to ensure their success.

We've developed the following questionnaire to gather information in order to assist you.

- * How would you describe your business? (e.g., service, manufacturing, retail, etc.)
- * How many employees do you employ? Full-time? Part-time?
- * What is the approximate square footage of your business?
- * Do you plan any future expansion or relocation?

Explain.

- * Has your business grown over the last five years? If so, how much?
- * What skills in a labor force does your organization need to have in place to secure its position for 21st-century business?
- * What infrastructure would the community need to have in place to support your business?
- * Would a "Central Business District" designation for a section of Agawam improve the retail business climate?
- * What would attract your business to a Central Business District?
- * Would you be willing to sit on an Agawam Business Owners' Task Force to establish policy for this economic development endeavor?
- * What percentage of your current business comes from Agawam/Feeding Hills? West of the Connecticut River? East of the Connecticut River?
- * Does South End Bridge traffic have an effect on your business?
- * Is it positive or negative?
- * Has your business been affected by the expansion of Six Flags? If so, how?
- * Will further extension and completion of Route 57 to the Southwick line affect your business? If so, how?
- * Would you financially participate in a cooperative advertising program, promoting Agawam as a retail shopping area?
- * If you were contacted by a business considering moving to Agawam, would you recommend it? Yes? No? Please explain your reasoning.
- * How can the Town of Agawam better serve your business needs and further growth?

Responses may be mailed to the Town of Agawam, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001-1837, Attn: Richard A. Cohen, Mayor.

Keenan Announces American Dream Program

Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the Middle Class American Dream Program.

This program was developed by the Massachusetts State Treasurer's office and a blue-ribbon panel of pension experts to bring the dream of home ownership to more Massachusetts citizens.

The Middle Class American Dream Program makes it easier for people to afford a home.

Although not everyone can qualify, the program is designed to assist those families who may not have the down payment or sufficient household income to obtain a mortgage under traditional underwriting standards.

This program is for the often forgotten middle class, the hardworking women and men who pay their taxes

and struggle to make ends meet.

"This program not only helps you to buy a new home, it can also help our state.

Through the American Dream Program, pension dollars are invested to help the Massachusetts economy prosper and bring about an investment return for the beneficiaries.

Furthermore, we are achieving these results without any new bureaucracy or additional expenditures of tax dollars," stated Keenan.

For further information or to receive a mailing containing program guidelines, eligibility requirements and a list of participating lenders, please call or write: (617)-367-3900, ext. 230 or One Ashburton Place, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

FireWise...

Home Safe Home!

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Is your home safe from fire? Most of us like to think so, but each year most people who die from fire die at home.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that you take a few moments to check some areas in your house for hazards that could cause a fire:

LIVING OR FAMILY ROOM

- * Eliminate overloaded electrical outlets.
- * Minimize the number and lengths of extension cords.
- * Allow space around TV and stereo equipment to prevent overheating.
- * Use metal screen in front of fireplace.
- * Have large, deep ashtrays for smokers and make sure all smoking materials have been extinguished before disposal.

KITCHEN

- * Keep surfaces clean and free of grease.
- * Do not leave the kitchen while the stove or oven is in use. Many fires begin during unattended cooking.
- * Turn pot handles in so they can't be knocked off or pulled down by small children.
- * If you have a grease fire, put a lid on it! Using water will spread the fire.

BEDROOMS

- * Make a firm rule not to allow anyone to smoke in bed.
- * Working smoke detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install one in your room. Test the detector monthly and change the battery annually.
- * Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

BASEMENT, GARAGE, AND STORAGE AREAS

- * Have furnace, wood burning stove, or any other heating appliance inspected by a professional prior to each heating season.
- * Keep areas around heating equipment free of papers, rags, or flammable liquids.
- * Store gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquids in safety cans outside your home.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

- * Keep matches and lighters stored where children cannot find them.
- * Post emergency numbers on all phones.
- * Don't let papers or trash accumulate.
- * Unplug appliances when not in use.

It only takes a minute to check your home for fire hazards. Set a time to regularly check your home. You could be preventing a fire and possibly saving a life ... the life of your family.



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WILLIAM H. BISHOP

William Henry Bishop, 80, a long-time resident of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a truck driver for Halls in Connecticut for many years and belonged to Teamsters Union Local 671 in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Born in Haverhill, he was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 70, the Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion. He also belonged to the Golden Agers Chapter 2.

He leaves his wife, the former Alice M. Goodwin, and a sister, Henrietta Gilbert of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Springfield Street Cemetery, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01102, or any other charity.

DEBORAH F. CAPODAGLI

Deborah F. Capodagli, 46, of 117 Plantation Drive, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was the floral manager at Waldbaum's Food Mart in Agawam for eight years and retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for most of her life.

She leaves a son, Chuck J. of Agawam; her mother, Josephine (Papacini) Capodagli, with whom she lived; two brothers, David W. Papacini of Springfield and William J. Papacini of Chicopee; and a sister, Kathleen Mitchell of Agawam.

The funeral was private, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

GABRIELLE M.L. DEMERS

Gabrielle "Gay" Mary Louise (Poirier) Demers, 96, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a long-time employee of McCoughlin Brothers Bindery in Springfield.

Born in Ware, she was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves a niece, Jeannette A. Granger of Springfield, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Rose de Lima Cemetery in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

CLAUDE A. OUELLETTE

Claude Aleck Ouellette, 81, of Agawam, a retired union carpenter, died recently at home.

He was a decorated World War II Army veteran who served with the rank of staff sergeant and was

awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Born in Caribou, Maine, he was a long-time Agawam resident.

He leaves his wife, the former Jeannette P. Paradis; a son, Stephen A., and a daughter, Terri-Ann Ouellette, both of Agawam; three sisters, Cecile Malenfant and Doris Blanchette, both of Caribou, Maine, and Claire Blanchette of Florida; and two granddaughters.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with a private burial at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Veterans' Cemetery, Agawam, MA 01001.

DOUGLAS C. WHITE

Douglas C. White, 79, of 33 North West Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He held master's and journeyman's plumber's licenses and a master steamfitter's license, and was the 20-year owner of Douglas White Plumbing & Heating Co. He retired in 1985. He worked previously for the former New England Plumbing Supply Co.

Born in the Tully section of Orange, he lived there and in the Millers Falls section of Montague and the Shelburne Falls section of Shelburne before moving to Agawam in 1950.

He was a 1939 graduate of Amherst High School and a World War II veteran of the Army Air Forces and the Merchant Marine.

He was a former member and trustee of Feeding Hills Congregational Church and belonged to the Small Business Association.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, the former Lois V. Sheperd; a son, Douglas C. Jr. of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Kathryn L. Kane of Garner, North Carolina, and Barbara L. White and Marion E. White, both of Feeding Hills; a brother, Malcolm H. of Palo Alto, California; a sister, Gail A. White of Schenectady, New York; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Tully Cemetery, Orange. Calling hours preceded the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 268 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA 01104; the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, New Hampshire 03086-0928; or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, P.O. Box 119024, Kansas City, Missouri 64171-9024.

In His Honor...

Edward Squazza Visits Vets' Cemetery For St. Sign Unveiling

On Wednesday morning, August 30th, Edward Squazza - the benefactor of the land for the first State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery - visited the site.

The Department of Veterans' Services was pleased to announce that on the occasion of his visit, a brief ceremony for the unveiling of the street sign in his honor took place. The street (named in Squazza's honor) is the cortege road, which every funeral procession will travel on the way to the entrance to the committal chapel.

Squazza donated 61 acres of his land to the State of Massachusetts, Department of Veterans' Services for the express use as the location for the first State Veterans' cemetery in the Commonwealth. This donation, worth \$1 million, was the catalyst that assisted the Department of Veterans' Services to proceed and obtain a Federal Veterans' Administration Grant through the State Cemetery Grants Service in the amount of \$6.8 million for construction.

Those in attendance at the ceremony included Commissioner of Veterans' Services Thomas Kelley; State Senator Linda Melconian; State Representative Dan Keenan; Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen; former Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas; current Agawam Veterans' Agent Ed Kellogg; Director of State Veterans' Cemeteries Robert McKean; Agawam Cemetery Manager Gary Winn; and Squazza's niece (who accompanied her honored uncle).

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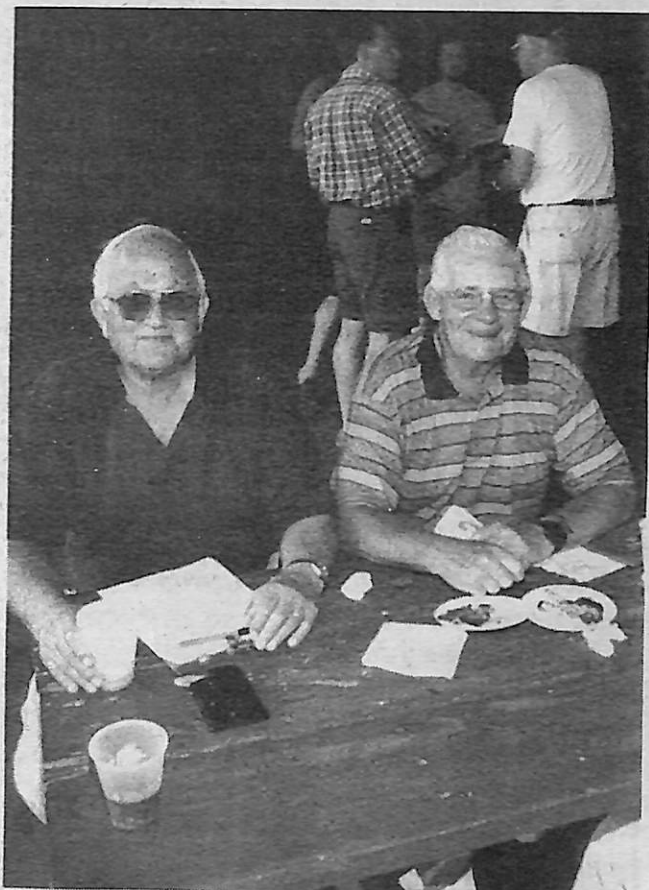


Families

Lions Gather For "Tail Twister" Party At The Polish Club



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently gathered at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills for a "Tail Twister" Party. In left photo: club officers Jack Conroy, vice-president; Bob German, president; and Bob Taupier, first vice-president. Working the grill, in right photo, are Bob Cecchi, Frank Chriscola, and George Collins.



LONG-TIME AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Jim Votzakis (left) and Bob Taupier are pictured at the club's "Tail Twister" Party recently held at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills.

Crafters Wanted For Lioness Club's Holiday Craft Fair

The Agawam Lioness Club is seeking crafters for its upcoming Holiday Craft Fair. The fair will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas School in West Springfield.

Interested crafters are asked to please call 789-0015.

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Italian Women's Club To Meet Sept. 18th

The September 18th meeting of the Springfield's Italian Women's Club will be held at Miss Clancy's in Springfield.

Membership is open to all women of Italian

Heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about this meeting, please call (413)-567-8313 or (413)-567-8309.

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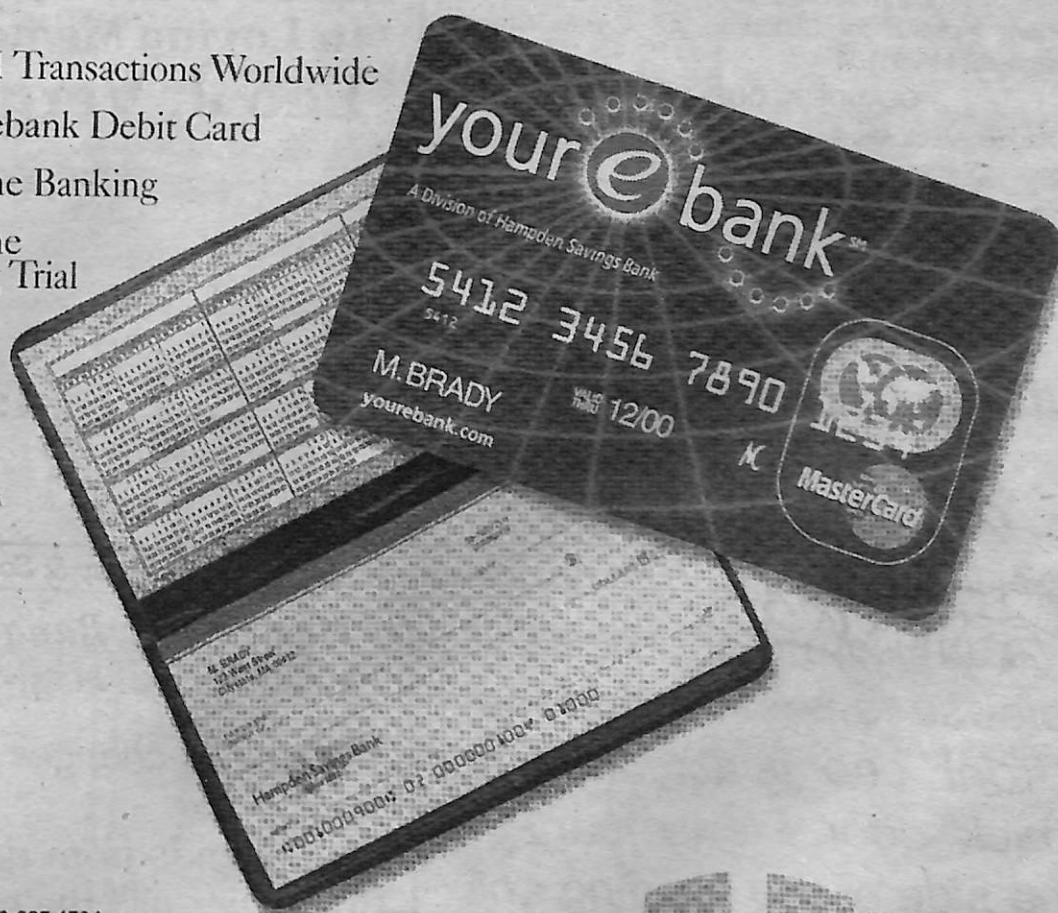
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DiTomaso Family Celebrates Academic Accomplishments

Dominic C. DiTomaso of 27 Greenacre Drive in Agawam graduated in May from Officer's Training School at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri.

A 1999 graduate of Westfield State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Dominic received his commission as a second lieutenant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Currently with the 42nd MP Co., in Chicopee, Dominic served three years active duty at the Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Presently, Dominic works for American Airlines at Bradley International Airport.

He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.

Dina L. DiTomaso of 6 Maple Street in South Hadley, recently passed her licensing examination to become a registered dietician. Dina graduated in 1998 from Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire, with a Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics. She was accepted into a summer internship program at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

A year's internship at Virginia Tech in Roanoke, Virginia, followed from which she graduated in May of 1999.

Dina has been working at the Veteran's Hospital in Northampton for the past year. She is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School.

Dina and Dominic are the children of Alice and Dominic DiTomaso of 21 Hendom Drive in Feeding Hills.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!

Agawam COA Seeking Nominations For 2000 Andrew Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is again seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- * Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information:

The nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information.

In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary, and if given, will be kept confidential).

When completed, send this sheet of paper to: The Andrew Gallano Award Committee, c/o The Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.

Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address no later than September 19th.

Forms can also be acquired from Joan Linnehan at the Agawam Senior Center.

The committee wishes to thank you for your time and effort; it is greatly appreciated.

AHS Class Of 1964 Schedules Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1964 has scheduled a reunion for Saturday, October 21st, and is seeking addresses of classmates who have moved since the last gathering. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of the following people is asked to call Carol (St. John) Oliver at (413) 788-9024.

Richard Adams, Shelley Allen, Tammy Astifan, Susan Barkett, Carol Bartolucci, Darleen Berkowicz, Geraldine Bodman, Armand Bruneau, Larry Cadorette, Cynthia Chapin, Nick Cockoras, Michael Connor, Karen Connors, Janet Cousineau, Beverly Couture, Jack Decker, Betsy Donovan, Patricia Dumont, Richard Duga, Bruce Emerson, Sylvia Farina, Bill Freeman, Suzanne Gagnon, Richard

Gamelli, Art Gingras, Daryl Grant, Jessie Hare, and Ed Harashuk.

In addition, Don Headley, Kathleen Hewitt, Ellen Hope, John Kallipolites, Diane Lemier, Vivian Leal, Karen Luccardi, Karen Masi, David McGrevy, Marlaine Melbourne, Patricia Meunier, Ronald Montagna, Linnea Morris, Ken Nadok, Karen Nieroda, Margaret Paddock, Patricia Repinec, Rick Reynolds, Cheryl Rosati, Cheryl Rosso, Tom Ruddeforth, Susan Russell, and Nancy Schmidt.

Finally, William Shakespeare, Don Thorton, Richard Walsh, Sharon Veneklasen, James Washington, Sandy Wein, Eileen Weston, and Robert White.



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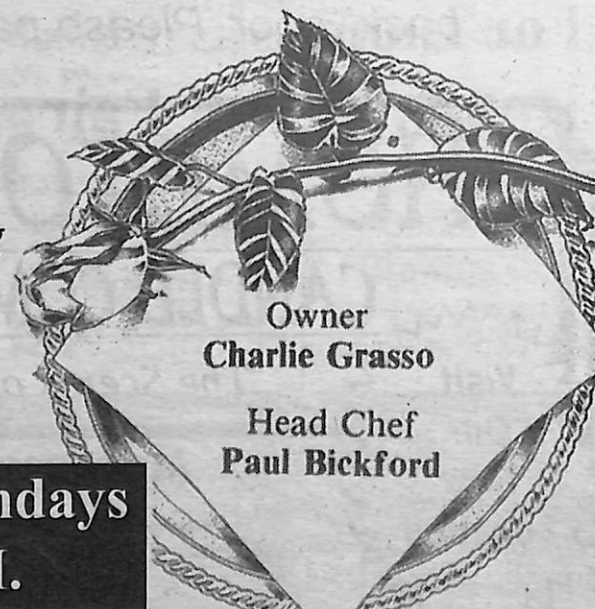
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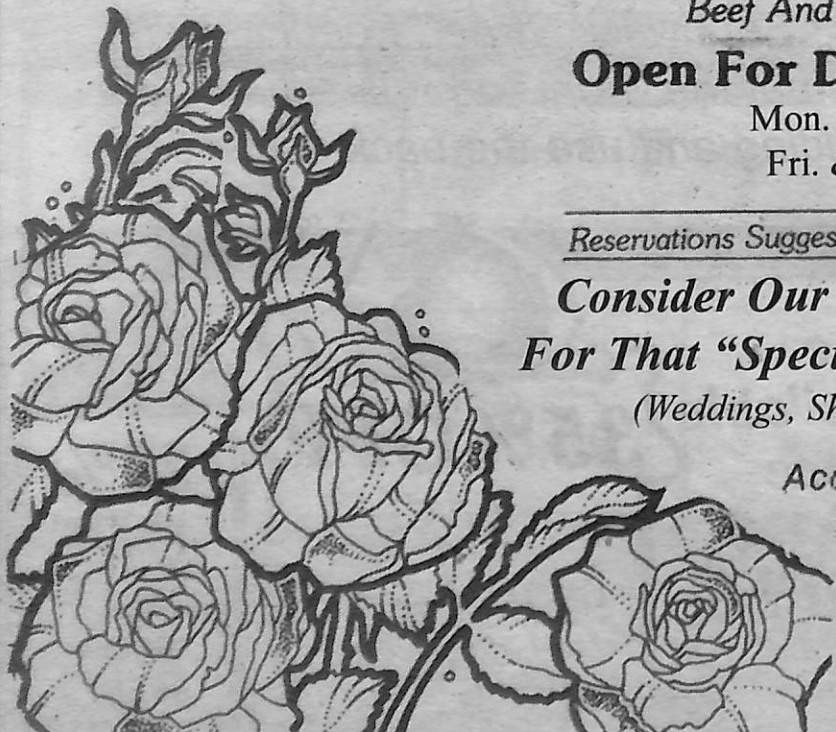
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ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT Oktoberfest 2000 sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein are (from left) Al LaGrange, Dolores LaGrange, baby Sarah Newsome, Joanne Newsome, and John Newsome. Handling the Chinese Auction are (in right photo) members of the Hamel family - Karen, Laura, and Ed. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Dolores LaGrange watches as Kurt Walther grills a knockwurst at the Oktoberfest, an event that is becoming a late summer favorite, held at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Erna Wedemeyer made certain that anyone who wanted a pretzel got one at the Springfield Turnverein's Oktoberfest 2000. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

Amelia Park Grand Opening & Dedication On September 10th

Amelia Park Committee Co-Chairman Douglas LaPlante announced that, "September 10th promises to be a day to be remembered in the history of Westfield, and the public's invited."

The inaugural event for the newly completed Amelia Park complex, 21 South Broad Street, Westfield, MA, will take place from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon. Amelia Park has been financed by local philanthropist, Albert Ferst, in memory of his wife Amelia.

The dedication in Amelia's Garden will commence

at 2:00 p.m. with a "Fanfare for Trumpets," an original composition by Westfield State College Professor Andrew Bonacci.

Mayor Richard K. Sullivan, Jr. will M.C. the event at which various dignitaries are scheduled. This will be followed by Albert Ferst making a presentation to each of the "Amelias" in attendance.

At the entrance to Amelia's Garden, special unveilings and dedications will be made of the Quotation Wall, Memorial Stone, and the Time Capsule as well as a "Dove Release." The ribbon cutting of the NHL

size, 600 seat Ice Arena and In-Line Arena will follow the Dedication.

Joe DeLeo, co-chair, said, "We're also offering musical performances in Amelia's Garden starting at 3:00 p.m., with the "Sounds of Music Singers," followed at 4:00 by Don Blair performing "Music For All Ages" and at 5:00 the Westfield High School Jazz Band will perform.

The day will wrap up with Free Open Skate in both arenas for the general public from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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Jacob's Creek (750 ml.) Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot \$6.99	Georges Duboeuf (750 ml.) Beaujolais Villages \$5.99	Luna Di Luna Blue Bottle (750 ml.) Chardonnay/ Pinot Grigio \$7.99	Moet Et Chandon White Star Champagne (750 ml.) \$25.99	

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Tara H. Christian Engaged To Wed William C. Clark II

Mr. and Mrs. James Christian of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Hope, to William Cooper Clark II of Springfield, MA.

Miss Christian, a graduate of Cathedral High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching from Providence College. She also earned a Master's Degree in Special Education and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies.

Miss Christian is currently employed as a special education teacher in the city of Springfield.

Mr. Clark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Springfield, graduated from Springfield Central High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering from Massachusetts Maritime. Mr. Clark also earned a Master's of Arts in Secondary Education and is currently employed as a science teacher, also in the city of Springfield.

The couple will marry on March 17, 2001.

Polish American Club Slates Sept. 17th Breakfast

The Polish American Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at the Polish American Club on 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

This event will help benefit the Children's Christmas Party.

The cost of the tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under ten years of age.

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BABY MADELYN JAE BOTTASSO

Bottasso Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Madelyn

Michael and Joelle Bottasso of Maynard, MA, are very happy to announce the birth of their first child, Madelyn Jae Bottasso.

"Maddie" was born on July 28 at 10:38 p.m. She weighed five pounds and nine ounces and was 19 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Jerry and Janet Carnevale of Chelmsford, MA, and the paternal grandparents are George and Alice Bottasso of Feeding Hills.

The great-grandparents are Raymond and Barbara Bottasso of Springfield, John and Sadie Dingess of East Windsor, CT, and Helen Penta of Medford, MA.

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Sherri Blews To Show & Compete At Big E 4-H

Sherri Blews, 16, of Feeding Hills will participate in one of the Eastern States Exposition's prestigious 4-H shows held during The Big E in West Springfield, MA.

She will represent Aspen Hill Farm in Feeding Hills in the 2000 New England 4-H Horse Show, which will take place on September 22-24.

The 79th edition of The Big E will be held Sept. 15 - Oct. 1, 2000. During its 17-day run, 500 youngsters from New England will exhibit more than 1,000 animals in 4-H and youth livestock programs, competing for ribbons, awards, and cash prizes.

At North America's ninth largest fair, The Big E's open livestock shows draw more than 5,000 entries from the United States and Canada. The fair's 4-H/FFA Day is Saturday, September 16; Massachusetts' Day is Thursday, September 21.

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On the final weekend, Mandy Moore (Sept. 29), Def Leppard (Sept. 30), and Clint Black (Oct. 1), will bring a memorable close to the fair.

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Tag Sale On September 16th

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Senior Ctr. Announces Upcoming Dances

The monthly Friday dances at the Agawam Senior Center are from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The cost for the dance is \$6.00, which includes a live band, punch, dessert, and coffee.

The live bands performing and the dates of the monthly Friday dances are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 8th - The Joe Campisi Band; Friday, Oct. 13th - The Bereska Band; Friday, Nov. 10th (at Agawam Baptist Church) - The Memories Big Band; and Friday, Dec. 8th - The Richie Mitnick Band.

Note: The dances are the second Friday of every month!

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We hope to see you on September 16th!

French Toast Breakfast

"The Agawam Senior Games Athletes" will hold their Annual French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th at the Agawam Senior Center.

There will be continuous servings from 8:00 a.m. to noontime.

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West Springfield Class of 1980 Announces 20-Year Reunion

The West Side High School class of 1980 is preparing for its 20th year reunion.

The gathering will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield on Friday, November 24th. It has been scheduled on this day in the hopes that many will be in the area at this time.

For further information on the reunion, log on the class website at <http://school.masslive.com/school/W.S.Classof80>.

As plans for the reunion develop, so will the site. We are looking for many "lost" classmates, and their names are listed on the website.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Cathy Line Kozikowski at (413)-789-6538 or e-mail at Fkoz@aol.com.

"Crankers" Antique Car Club To Hold Fall Poker Run

The "Crankers" Antique Car Club will hold their tenth annual Fall Poker Run on Sunday, September 17th at the Brookside Restaurant on Route 57 in Southwick.

This event will include a buffet-style dinner, bread and butter, salad, coffee, cold drinks, and tea.

Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at noon.

The Poker Run and the dinner cost \$15.00 per person.

Dinner begins at 1:30 p.m.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is set for Sunday, September 10th. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

This event is open to all Antique, Classic, or Vintage car enthusiasts. Each year this is a fun-filled event for all that attend.

Trophies will be awarded for the Best Poker Hand, Best Mileage Guess, and for the Closest Time To Pre Set Time.

For more information, please call Don Keinath at (431)-733-0294, or Eunice Pellegrini at (413)-592-5714, or Dick Chapman at (413)-786-0014.

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Programs At The Agawam Public Library

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK GROUPS

Due to popular demand, the Agawam Library is organizing a second Mother-Daughter Book Group to meet monthly on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m., beginning on September 14th. Participants will choose which book the group will read and discuss together. This program brings moms and daughters together to share ideas and quality time. For more information and to sign up for the program, call the library at 789-1550 and ask for Cynthia Sutter.

The ongoing Mother-Daughter Book Group will begin its second year with a discussion of "Number The Stars" by Lois Lowry on Tuesday, September

19th, at 7:15 p.m. Members will be notified by mail. No registration necessary.

"FOOD MOODS"

Kids aged three and up (and their families) are invited to register for a lighthearted look at the effect food has on us. This program will take place on Wednesday, September 20th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Featured stories will include "Gregory, the Terrible Eater" and "How Are You Peeling?", to be followed by interesting snacks.

Call 789-1550 or register in person by Tuesday, September 19th.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you.

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Six Flags N.E. Unveils Fall Festival Of Fun & Fright

Shorter days and cooler nights signal the transformation of Six Flags New England into a celebration of fall festivals, fun, and frights for the whole family.

Beginning September 15, Six Flags New England welcomes its first fall season with its own version of Munich's **Oktoberfest** and launches a spooky Halloween spectacular - **Fright Fest** - on October 6. "We are excited to continue to bring unique thrills and family fun to Western Mass this fall," said Tim Black, General Manager of Six Flags New England. "Oktoberfest's spirited celebrations and FrightFest's spine-tingling attractions guarantee to satisfy thrill-seekers of all ages."

Oktoberfest - On weekends beginning September 15 through October 1, Six Flags New England transforms into a Bavarian landscape with a tribute to the world's largest festival held in Munich, Germany - Oktoberfest.

Strolling oompah bands fill the crisp, autumn air with traditional German tunes while dancers entertain guests. Park-goers will also enjoy a variety of tasty Bavarian treats - from plates of weinerschnitzel to steins of thick, German ale.

Fright Fest - During the weekends beginning October 6 through Halloween, Six Flags New England transforms itself, once again, when Fright Fest screams into town turning the Park into a Halloween playground with a host of activities that offer various degrees of fright from the delightfully tame to the take-your-breath-away terrifying.

Those looking for more than a traditional haunted house will enjoy Brutal Planet, a fascination journey to the dark side featuring a unique mix of sci-fi, rock-n-roll, special effects, and horror and modern technodance.

The terrorizing sensation transports guests to an entirely different world and takes them on an unforgettable tour. Featuring the Road Kill Cafe, Blood Sports Bar, Brutal Asylum, Mayhem Medical Clinic,

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A Visit Of Four Generations...



MARIA KOZLOSKI OF WASHINGTON, DC, with her two-month-old twins, recently visited her parents, Henry and Teresa Kozloski of Agawam. Pictured above are Maria's grandmother, Chiara Vedany, holding Ray Henry; Maria; and Teresa, holding Alexa Chiara.

Agawam Garden Club To Host Flower Show On September 12th

On September 12th, the Agawam Garden Club will be having a Flower Show with different exhibits by Garden Club members.

Co-chairwomen are Dot Brown, Barbara Farrington, and Betty James.

From September 15th-October 1st, the Garden Club will have a display in the New England Center Building on the grounds of The Big E.

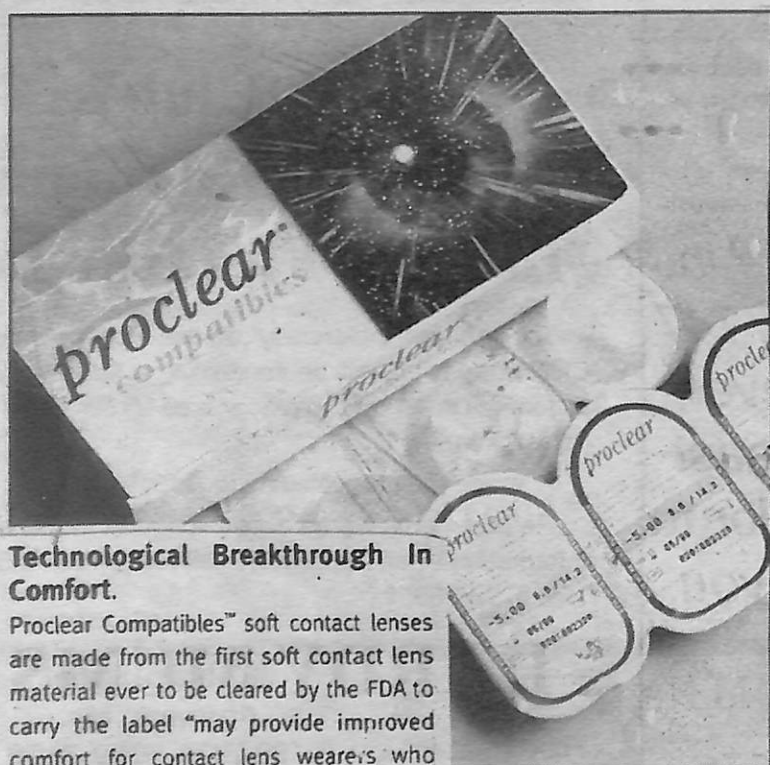
The theme this year will be "East Meets West."

The Agawam Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome for a fee of \$2.

The meetings are held at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. There is a guest speaker with refreshments following the meeting. Please join us!

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and Massacre Motel, unsuspecting visitors become part of a chilling triple feature.

Brutal Planet will definitely satisfy New England's need to scream but it is not for the faint-of-heart and is not recommended for children under 10 years of age. A nominal fee will apply for entry to Brutal Planet.

In addition, chilling thrills will be found as guests walk through the Blair Witch-like haunted woods down the new **Trail of Terror** - quite the hair-raising experience for all who are brave enough to enter. And **Houdini's Ghost Town**, featuring Houdini - The Great Escape, a wonderfully themed dark ride designed with Halloween in mind.

Six Flags New England offers a kinder, gentler Fright Fest for the little tykes complete with a **Hay Maze**, painting in the **Pumpkin Patch**, decorating cookies, and designing masks. The little guests can also parade in their Halloween costumes with the famous Looney Tunes: *Bugs Bunny*, *Tweety*, *Taz*, and friends... through the **Trick-or-Treat Trail**, which is stocked with treats sure to satisfy every little 'ghoul' and boy.

Special Halloween shows like the **Monster Mash** offer great entertainment for the whole family.

Oktoberfest - opens September 15 through October 1 every Friday at 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. **Fright Fest** opens October 6th through October 31 every Friday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; as well as Columbus Day - Monday, October 9th from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Monday, October 30 and Halloween Night - Tuesday, October 31 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Admission to Six Flags New England is \$36.99, adults; \$18.49, children (those under 36 inches tall are free).

For more information, call (877)-4-SIXFLAGS or visit them on the web at www.sixflags.com.

Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 11th: Country pie (ham-burg, rice, cheese & tomatoes), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, plums.

Tuesday, September 12th: Liver & onions, baked potatoes, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, September 13th: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, zucchini, squash, pumpernickel bread, Jello with fruit.

Thursday, September 14th: Zucchini soup, ham & cheese on roll, corn on the cob, apricots.

Friday, September 15th: New salmon fillets with bell pepper, stuffing with dill sauce, Normandy blend vegetables, rye bread, ambrosia.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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Answer: You are not alone! Approximately 20 percent of the adult population has this typical problem. Many things could cause this, including a condition called onycholysis (where the nail splits off). This could be caused from infections in the nail caused by yeast or even a disease called psoriasis.

In simplicity, you could just be experiencing dry, brittle nails. This is usually coupled with dry skin and splitting cuticles. Menopause brings on many changes to the body, which includes loss of moisture. Daily routines such as doing dishes, housecleaning, and jobs that keep your hands in water can cause moisture loss. Thus, this can cause the nail to soften and weaken enough to cause splitting and peeling.

Clear polish nail hardeners have been a popular purchase, but some women can have reactions to these nail hardeners. Also, when women applied the product to dry, brittle nails, they found that this only caused them to snap off. Nail fortifiers or nail strengtheners are what you should be using.

Remember to stay away from products that contain formaldehyde; these can cause drying. Try not to use nail polish remover too often. Instead, apply a top coat every other day to your polished nails to get more life from your manicure. You may also need to give those dry nails a drink of moisture. The moisturizers that contain alpha-hydroxy acid or lactic acid help the most.

Apply to hands, cuticle, and the nail a massaging motion at bedtime (putting on a pair of white cotton gloves or cotton socks so the moisture doesn't rub off). Also, adding a B complex vitamin or specifically Biotin (2.5 mg per day is recommended) may help.

Another thought is to add moisture from the inside out. Drink plenty of water and keep in mind that the blood nourishes your skin, nails, and hair. A healthy diet will help your blood to deliver the proper nutrients where they are needed.

Why not pamper yourself with a spa manicure for the ultimate nail experience. Melissa has been doing these on our clients' hands and feet for three years now with rave reviews!

Thought for a smile: the smell of fresh brewed coffee. And remember ... Beauty is our Business!

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

"Friends" To Sponsor Trip To Atlantic City This October

Join the "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center to the Tropicana Casino Resort in Atlantic City on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th and 26th.

With an 8:00 a.m. departure, we are bound for the excitement of Atlantic City (with comfort and meal stops en route).

We will enjoy one night at the Tropicana Hotel, where you will receive a tower room and have plenty of time to gamble in the house/hotel's casino and also see a show.

Your package will include: round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's accommodation at the Tropicana, a prime rib dinner, \$10 in coins, \$3 food credit, cocktails, show, and all taxes and tips (including driver's gratuities). The cost is only \$115 per person (double). We will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the Agawam Senior Center, and will return at approximately 9:30 p.m. on October 26th. This trip is open to the public.

Contact Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 for reservations, or contact the Agawam Senior Center at 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. A \$25 deposit will hold your reservation.

Organizational Mtg. For St. Patrick's Day Committee

You do not have to be Irish to have a great day on St. Patrick's Day.

After years of not participating, Agawam will be represented in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Anyone who is interested in showing pride in Agawam is invited to attend our first organizational meeting to be held in the community room of the Agawam Public Library on the 13th of September at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone in Agawam wishing to help is invited to attend. You do not need to be Irish!

For more information, please contact: Bob Magovern, office: 786-0244; home: 789-0171, or Mike Tuckey, 789-9272.

Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary To Hold Flea Market

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club of Agawam will be conducting a flea market on October 7th in the pavilion area (139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills).

A space may be obtained for \$15.

Refreshments will be available during the sale. For information or an application, call Mary, 786-4057, or Helen, 786-6050.

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Church News

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will this week include the Service of Holy Communion.

Youth members will be Lectors. Ushers will be Sue Strycharz and Charlie Horenstein.

This Sunday is Rally Day. Children are invited to attend worship with adults; Sunday School classes resume next week.

The Board of Christian Education invites everyone to celebrate our joyous Sunday School with a picnic following worship on Sunday, September 10th. The Board will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. Those in attendance are asked to bring a snack, salad, or dessert to share.

It is not required but would help the CE Board with their plans if church members would use the posted sign-up sheet or call the church office if they plan to attend the picnic. (Ants, although not invited, may attend.)

The church halls are filled with toys and children's furniture in anticipation of the commencing of the school year for Smart Start preschool. Church members should be aware that the parking lot may be a busy place around 8:00 a.m., before and after the lunch hour, and again around 3:00 p.m. Don't let that keep you away!

As usual, the church office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

On September 23rd, there will be a roast beef dinner at this church to benefit Rev. Donaldson's Mission trip to Honduras. Ben & Sharon Rozanski have generously volunteered to oversee the kitchen, but other volunteers are needed to work the kitchen, serve, clean up, and take reservations. See Diane Fiejdasz or Rev. Donaldson if you can help.

If you are unable to volunteer, you can tell your friends to join you at what will surely be a delicious dinner!

Council members are reminded that they will meet on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget! On Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the Parish Cupboard. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, September 13th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m.

On the calendar:

Sunday, September 10th: 10:00 a.m., Rally Day - Communion - Parish Cupboard Picnic follows worship; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption.

Monday, September 11th: 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Property Committee; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed Committee.

Tuesday, September 12th: 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Wednesday, September 13th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, September 14th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Parish Announcements From St. John The Evangelist Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Classes for grades 1-3 will begin September 9th; classes for grades 7-10 will begin September 11th; and classes for grades 4-6 will begin September 12th. Still needed - teachers for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10. Tray tables are needed, also, to be used as *Prayer Stations* in the classrooms.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY: Scripture Study Video - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., and Friday mornings from 9:10 to 9:45 a.m.

MONTHLY MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST: The Liturgy Committee will be the host for this month's breakfast after the 9:30 Mass next Sunday. Please come and join ... meet some old and new friends.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB: The group meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be September 14th at 7:00 p.m., with a Square Dance Demo at 7:30 p.m. A trip to Howe Caverns is planned for September 16th for all who might be interested. For more info, call JoAnn, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

HELP! - WE STILL NEED YOU: The **BAZAAR** is coming ... the **BAZAAR** is coming and **we need your help**. Our Bazaar has been the best of its kind in the area for years, and virtually the only fundraiser that we

have here at St. John's. All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the parish. This year the date is **DECEMBER 2ND** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We need chairwomen for the Christmas Decorations Booth and the Sewing Booth. We are also looking for people to sew and knit. We need to find and encourage these talents in our midst. It would be a shame if the giftedness of the past could not be passed on to our younger generations. **A talent for holiday decorations?** We can use you, too. Those who work on the Bazaars have found them very rewarding experiences. Come and see how you could fit in. **Call the chairwoman for the Bazaar, Joan Malinoski, at 789-0299. She would love to hear from you!**

PARISH WEB SITE: We are making progress, too, on our Parish Web Site. It will be a useful communication tool. The schedule for Lectors, Special Ministers, and Altar Servers will be posted together with helpful parish information and links to Catholic resources for your convenience. You can find it now in its initial stages at www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org.

ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: We can still use a few good men, both on the committee and for some projects. Call Emile at 786-8105.

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The Challenge of facing our transitions...

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Calendar Of Activities From Sacred Heart Church

Sr. Eileen, We Hold You In Love And Prayer As You Walk In Your New Ministry

Dear Sr. Eileen,

Words, words, words ... reveal, comfort, hold ... Words cannot adequately express the depth of our feelings, thoughts and loss of you. With news of your departure after eight years of dedicated service, I fumble with words in trying to touch the soul of our love, appreciation, gratitude for your presence among us ... In the name of our parish community, you have eased pain, comforted the dying, welcomed the lonely, sheltered the homeless, fed the hungry, touched the broken spirit, instructed those seeking understanding, buried the dead, challenged the youth, embraced the children, raised the fallen ... Sr. Eileen, you will be deeply missed by all.

You left us on Thursday, August 31st. Let us pray that "bread" broken and shared for the journey sustains and comforts you and us as our tearful hearts follow where the Lord leads. With assurance of our prayers, we thank you, Sr. Eileen, for being a faithful servant.

Fr. Ron and the Parish Community

CHOIR NEWS

Senior Choir News: Rehearsal for the Senior Choir will be on Wednesday, September 13th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church. This choir will sing twice a month, alternating between the 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. weekend Masses. If you like to sing, come and join us. The only requirement is that a person can sing on pitch. There are no auditions. If you have any questions, please call Jeannette Denoncourt at 786-6290.

Junior Choir News: The Junior Choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 12th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Boys and girls in grades 2 through 8 are invited to join. This group sings the first and third Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy and for special Children's Liturgies. Parents, please encourage your children to attend. Children singing at Mass really helps make our celebration more festive. Any questions, call Jeannette Denoncourt at 786-6290.

A Note From Your Music Director: The Hymns, the Psalms response, the parts of the Mass (acclamations) belong to the Assembly and should be sung by the whole Assembly. The Cantor/Song leaders are

present to help you to actively participate. The focus of all Music Ministry is to support the community in sung prayer and getting the people to respond with one voice. At the recent workshop on "CANTORING," we were strongly urged that the Responsorial Psalm should be sung from the Ambo Pulpit. In the near future, the cantors will be singing the Psalm from there.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our 2000-2001 classes for grades 1 thru 9 will begin on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. We still need Catechists in all levels of our program. Teachers are the backbone of a good Religious Education Program.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

An eight-week self-help group of divorced men and women will be held here at Sacred Heart beginning on Wednesday, September 20th. A \$10 fee for books and materials, etc., is required. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 13th.

CUB SCOUTS - PACK 75

Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, is seeking new members. Regardless of where you live, you are eligible to join Pack 75. First grade through fifth grade are Tiger Cubs, Bobcats, Wolf-Bears, and Webelos (first and second year). For more information, please call Jack & Nancy Hallbauer at 786-2309. If there is no answer, please leave message on the machine and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

TAG AND CRAFT SALE

Finally, it's here! The Tag and Craft Sale is Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is still time to rent a space; call 786-4966 or 786-3384.

Remember, we are also having a Bake Sale and we would greatly appreciate your baking for us. We would like all baked items to be at the Parish Center early on Saturday, the day of the Sale.

Help is still needed. Call 786-4966 if you can spare a couple of hours on the day of the Tag Sale.

Please stop by and support this activity; all money raised is used here in our own parish. Hope to see you there. (In case of rain, the sale will be held the following Saturday.)

Announcements From First Baptist Church

Sunday, September 10th is Rally Day at First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam. We will launch our Christian Education program for the coming church year. Classes will be provided for all ages following the worship service and fellowship time.

Rev. Barnes' sermon for Sunday is entitled "Imitators of God," and he will be reading from Ephesians chapter 5. The youth will report on their summer Christian Camping and Mission Trip experiences. Our worship time will be enriched as we hear selected anthems from the choir.

The Heritage Hall "Kitchen Band" will play their rendition of "When the Saints Come Marching In" and "I Will Follow Him."

If you do not have a church home, plan to attend our service. All are welcome to join us. Church office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the office can be reached at 786-7300.

Annual Tag Sale Event At Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding its annual Tag Sale/Flea Market/Bake Sale on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

There will be something for everyone, including collectibles, new and used items, adult and children's clothing, and toys. In addition, there will be a baked goods table with homemade cakes, pies, cookies, jams, and jellies. Coffee and donuts, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be on sale.

In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the church hall with parking at the rear of the church.

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1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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The Compassion Of God...

Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist of the 19th century, used to wonder what would happen if but one person ever fully submitted himself or herself to God. Moody's question suggests that nobody he knew, or had heard about, was 100-percent yielded to God. That observation begs an obvious question: "Why not?" Why are we hesitant to "let go and let God" have His way in our lives 100-percent of the time?

Perhaps one answer to such a question is that we're afraid of what might happen if we yielded ourselves 100-percent to God. Some of us have expressed, and others have heard of, the concern that God might dispatch us to the African jungle, or some other remote part of the earth, as missionaries or something, if we indicated a willingness to go. Our hesitation to yield completely to God, stated or otherwise, indicates a fear that God is not concerned with our well-being; that God might take advantage of us, if we allowed Him the opportunity to do so.

Such fears or concerns are misguided. God is more concerned for our well-being than we are. God is far more compassionate towards us than we can ever imagine.

Jesus demonstrated God's compassion towards people on many occasions. One such time was when Jesus healed a deaf person. *Then Jesus left the region of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to*

the sea of Gallilee and into the region of Decapolis. There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Him to place His hand on the man. After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the deaf man's ears. Then He spit and touched the deaf man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said.

Deaf people can sometimes be very sensitive, even fearful of humiliation, because they fear that jovial people in their midst are laughing at them (since they can't hear what's going on around them). Such fears only serve to compound the tragedy of deafness. In this story, Jesus demonstrated God's compassion towards this particular individual. First of all, *He took him aside, away from the crowd.* Jesus knew the crowds were always "up" for a miracle. Perhaps they brought this poor man to Jesus not because they cared about him, but because they wanted to see if Jesus could "fix" him by healing him. Jesus directed the man away from the crowd, away from the limelight. He might have sensed the awkwardness of the moment for the man, and wished to spare him undue embarrassment, even while addressing his needs. How very kind it was of Jesus to care, not only about the deaf man's affliction, but about his feelings as well.

God is compassionate towards each and every one of us, just as He was towards that deaf man that day. Not only that, but God has the power, the ability, to accomplish in our lives all that He wants to. *Say to*

those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, He will come with vengeance, with divine retribution He will come to save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the mute shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

The combination of God's compassion and power is a potent formula for blessing! There really is no reason why each of us shouldn't yield ourselves 100-percent to God! The Bible admonishes us, *do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anybody who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror, and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does.*

Our refusal to "let go and let God" have His way in our lives only serves to limit the amount of blessings that God can pour into our lives.

Praise the Lord, o my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life, I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that day their plans come to nothing. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them - the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Reverend Peter Monahan's "Reflections..." is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News and is just one more reason why you turn our pages each and every week.



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The delegation from Reggio Calabria has confirmed plans to visit Agawam October 4-9 of this year. The Town of Agawam Sister City Commission has planned a full itinerary to ensure that their trip is as productive and memorable as possible. There are also several social events which are open to the public as well. We hope you will join us during the "Six days of Reggio." Event information and a full itinerary will appear in the Agawam Advertiser/News in the weeks to come.



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Upcoming Events At Agawam Congregational Church

This Sunday, September 10th, is "**Recoveranting Sunday**," which marks the beginning of the fall activities with worship beginning at 10:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m., the Confirmation Classes begin (ninth-graders) and also Youth Church for Senior High young people. At 10:30 a.m. is morning worship and the beginning of church school with classes for nursery through eighth grade. Child care is also available for infants and toddlers.

The Pastor, Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach, will preach on the topic "Raising 'G' Rated Kids in an 'X' Rated World." The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Ellen Cogen, will be singing.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

A new photo directory is being compiled. Sign-ups for appointments with the photographer will be taken each Sunday at Coffee Hour.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room"

Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam To Hold Welcoming Tea

Please join the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam for their first meeting of the 2000-2001 year and a Welcoming Tea Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street.

Have you ever wondered where Malta was? Well, here is your opportunity! Guest speaker, Cecile Hamel-Roy will share her experience about this small Mediterranean island situated between the coasts of Sicily and North Africa.

Please join us and let your mind meander through the streets of Malta as Ms. Hamel-Roy's captivating lecture takes us through the geography and history of this beautiful Maltese archipelago island!

Hospitality chairwoman for the evening will be Elaine Smith. Elaine will be assisted by the following committee members: Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Rae Beane, Pat Sherry, Ann Sorell, Alice Collins, Marie Bombard, Monique Cumin, and Jean Teahan.

New members are welcome!

Playgroup Resumes Sept. 14th At Agawam Congregational

The playgroup held at Agawam Congregational Church will resume on Thursday, September 14th. Children (ages birth to five) and caregivers are invited to attend.

Playgroup meets every Thursday while school is in session from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Snacks and crafts are provided. Come meet new friends and have some fun.

Any questions, please call Lisa at 786-0749.

Sacred Heart Tag & Craft Sale Set For Sept. 9th

The annual Tag and Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church will be held on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

There will be 30 spots offering Tag or Craft items. There will also be a Bake Sale and a Snack Bar.

In case of rain, the sale will be held the following Saturday.

for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Midweek Prayer, Healing, and Communion Service resumes at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is an informal service of prayer, communion, and meditation on the healing ministry of Jesus.

On Thursday, the Fellowship Guild will hold a potluck luncheon that is open to all. No reservations needed. Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. Program and business meeting to follow.

Choir rehearsal resumes on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. New members are encouraged to attend.

Next Sunday, September 17th, Marks

The Beginning Of Two Adult Series:

On Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., "Wrestling with Angels," a six-week discussion series, will tackle life issues head-on. The topic will be "How do I know what to do?" The co-leaders are Barbara Eisenbach and Gerry Desroches.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., "Grief Share - Your Journey From Mourning to Joy" begins in the

Free Orientation Session Regarding "Weigh Down Workshop" Slated For September 15th

Do you feel like you are constantly fighting a battle with food, trying diet after diet, with only temporary results? Are you tired of tasteless fat-free foods, diet exchange lists, and have-to exercise programs?

If so, join us for a free orientation session on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Crossroad Christian

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SUSAN LONGTIN

Susan Longtin New International Student Advisor

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Ms. Longtin was previously a nursing assistant at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield and has served as an ombudsman for the Massachusetts Attorney General's office, monitoring legal compliance in regard to patient's rights.

In her new position, Ms. Longtin will be responsible for counseling and mentoring international students at AIC and organizing events for the international student club. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Westfield State College.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (413)-747-6231.

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Legal Memo

by
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PREMISES LIABILITY Passenger Elevator - Abrupt Fall

The plaintiff, a 27 year-old emergency medical technician, and six other emergency personnel responded to a call from a resident of an apartment complex. Carrying their customary aluminum stretcher and a small bag with medical supplies, the plaintiff and his party boarded an elevator at the first floor lobby. The elevator's nameplate purported its capacity to be 2,000 pounds, which the plaintiff and his companions felt they and their equipment clearly met. The elevator began to rise, then dropped abruptly to within approximately one foot of the basement floor when the safeties finally clamped down.

The plaintiff sustained herniated discs and was scheduled for a two-level discectomy. That surgery was aborted, however, due to a medication error, resulting in post-traumatic stress disorder. Two subsequent surgeries failed to resolve the plaintiff's pain. He remains disabled from any work requiring physical exertion and is on pain medication.

The plaintiff argued that the property owner, property manager, and three elevator service companies allowed the elevator to go for 20 years with a counterweight more than 1,000 pounds too light.

The defendants contended that the elevator passed annual inspections over a period of 20 years. They pointed to the plaintiff's own comparative negligence in boarding the elevator with six other large men and their equipment despite a posted "Elevator Usage" sign that restricted the elevator to six persons at a time.

Finally, all defendants called attention to an entry in the hospital emergency room to the effect that the plaintiff had a history of a herniated disc, though no medical records existed to support that history.

In mediation, the parties settled for \$1.2 million.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam and the Founder/Senior Associate of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area.

Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800), his voice mail (846-0961), or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info Line at 846-0923. Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter, **THE PIONEER REPORT - Online...** it's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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POPULAR SPEAKER AND SEMINAR LEADER MARY ANN DIETSCHLER of Agawam will be the guest speaker at the Sept. 15th meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Conflict Survival Tips Offered At Chamber Meeting

On September 15, at 7:00 a.m., the Oak Ridge Golf Club will host the kick-off breakfast for the Agawam 2000-2001 Chamber season.

Mary Ann Dietschler, Certified Behavioral Analyst and an Agawam resident, will present conflict survival tips from her popular Conflict Survival Seminar.

According to Ms. Dietschler, most people handle conflict one of two ways... either they avoid it like the plague or they attack aggressively. Either way the relationship suffers.

She maintains that it's possible - even for those who absolutely hate conflict - to say what you mean and mean what you say while keeping the relationship, your health, and your integrity intact!

A popular speaker and seminar leader, Ms. Dietschler presents seminars that stimulate "extra-mile thinking." Although her topics change from Customer Service to Conflict Survival to Updating your Image the underlying theme always remains the same: *Go the extra mile, better yet - live there!*

Contact Ms. Dietschler at (413)-789-7722 or 281elm@mediaone.net

Reservations for the breakfast must be in writing. The cost is \$12 per person. The address is Agawam Chamber of Commerce c/o Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main St., Suite 136, Springfield, MA 01103-1449. The fax number is (413)-731-8530.

Personal checks, Visa, Discover, MasterCard and American Express are acceptable forms of payment.

Agawam Chamber To "Tee Off" In Annual Social

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will hold its Third Annual Golf Social on September 21st at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Sponsored by United Process, Inc., Chamber business professionals will participate in a nine-hole scramble with flexible tee times on the half-hour from 2-4 p.m. The tournament will end with festivities, including hors d'oeuvres compliments of the Woronoco Savings Bank, and golfing prizes.

The fee for the tournament is \$25 per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, and the post-tournament event. Reservations must be made in writing and in advance by mailing or writing to Laurie Brunelle, Events Coordinator, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main Street, Suite 136, Springfield, MA, 01103-1449; fax: (413) 731-8530.

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What Women Need To Know About Investment Risk & Reward (Part 1 Of 2)

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So perhaps you're not among those individuals with a high tolerance for risk. If that's the case, you're not alone. In fact, when it comes to investing, women tend to be more conservative than men. And, because managing risk is such an important part of investing, the key is to find a risk tolerance level that gives you the results you need and still lets you sleep at night.

When not taking risk is risky. The irony is, a too conservative approach over the long term can be just as assuming too much risk. Why? Because more conservative investments like money markets and CDs, while FDIC insured, have historically offered lower rates of return than higher risk investments like mutual funds and individual stocks that are not guaranteed. This lower return could get eaten away by inflation, leaving you with less purchasing power for long-term goals like retirement.

Inflation is often called the "silent thief" of investing because it quietly eats away at your future purchasing power. Even a modest inflation rate of three percent could raise prices (and cut your buying power) by 26 percent in just 10 years.

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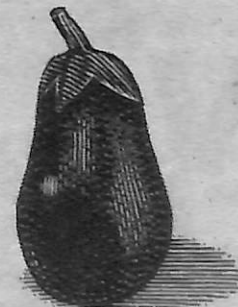
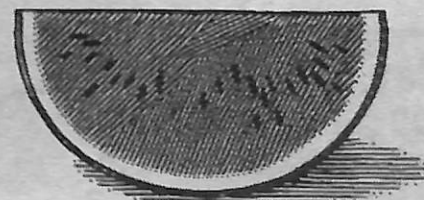
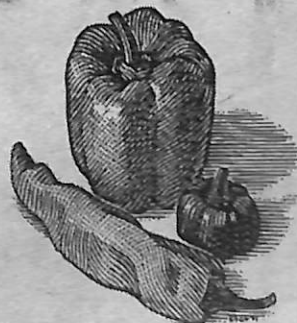
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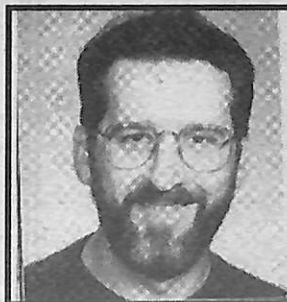


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Facing Into And Away From Transitions...

Last week, I wrote about an experience of how life and death exist side by side. I've received more feedback from this article than all my previous columns combined. I guess I'm not alone! One person asked, "Whose story was it, anyway?" I informed her that the **Fluid Child, Julia Gene** is my family's story, not someone else's.

Another person was impressed with our ability to care for 'self' amidst the tragedy of our two week-old daughter's death. She telephoned me, asking, "How did you manage to do so many progressive rituals at such a difficult transition time?"

I told her that the short answer, in hindsight, was that we celebrated her life and mourned her death as a natural extension of how we lived our lives. I believe how one lives their life greatly informs how they experience and manage significant life transitions.

Whether your transition be the death or serious illness of a loved one or pet, a separation/divorce or marriage, birth or graduation of a (grand)child, loss of employment or creation of a new product or service, these and many other transitions will challenge how you and your loved ones **live life**.

The loss of a child or any other significant transition can catapult you *into and out of a way of living*. You may not have much choice at that time, but ultimately

are challenged by how you **face into and out of** today, the past, and the future.

Another person e-mailed me with the wonder of how we chose an open casket for a baby? He shared the recent experience of his mother's death and how difficult it was to have an open casket. Yes! For us, too, it was very difficult and extremely valuable.

Yet, I know that our experience is ours and his and your experience is yours. Each experience is individual and unique, as are each of us. My encouragement for you is to look beyond a right or wrong way to celebrate life and/or mourn death or any other significant transition. I recommend doing the best you can under difficult circumstances by taking time for personal reflection, to talk with others, and to share what you have learned.

My wife, son, and I talked at length. How could we **own**, each in our own way, this experience? How could we create a ritual context for others to enter into our experience, while honoring their personal experiences? We invited activities and moments of silence we hoped would help anyone get close to whatever their emotion or memory this imperfect, bruised, and blotted *wonderful-gift-child* offered.

Transition can be a vulnerable time where we can be swayed by many of the demands others and family (and extended family included) place on us.

What is your story? Do you know how you tend to **face into and away from** these challenging moments?

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The registration fee for Hearts and Flowers Dinner and Retreat is \$8.00 per person. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required. Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 6, 2000. Complete this form and mail it with your check to: Noble Hospital, PO Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634, Attn: Marketing. For more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

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Hockey And Spinal Injuries...

A recent article in *The Back Letter* commented about the number of injuries in ice hockey, at both the professional and non-professional levels. A recent study found 243 major spinal traumatic injuries in Canadian ice hockey from 1996 to 1999. That study and other studies suggest that most injuries in ice hockey, spinal and otherwise, stem from checking, boarding, and pushing from behind.

The 243 spinal injuries were fractures or dislocations of the spine sustained to a person playing ice hockey. Sixty-three of these injuries involved complete loss of motor function below the level of the fracture/dislocation. Six players died as a result of their spinal trauma. The median age of the injured players in this study was 17.

One-hundred sixty-six injuries occurred during organized games, and the remainder during practice and pick-up games.

A push or check from behind accounted for 40 percent of the 184 cases where the cause of the injury was known. Seventy-seven percent of injuries were due to impact with the boards. Impact between players accounted for 16 percent of spinal injuries.

Fifty-two percent of injuries occurred in Ontario; nine in Quebec. It is interesting to note that body checking is outlawed at the pee-wee level in Quebec, but not Ontario.

There appears to be a need to make hockey a safer sport. One step would be to make board checks and checks from behind illegal. If your child is interested in the sport, make sure he enrolls with a team that is concerned about safety and does not allow "checking."

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Smoking Cessation Support Group At Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, education and motivational support. Free nicotine patches and gum may also be available for qualified participants.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

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From Baystate Medical Center...

Consider Packing A Fun, Low-Fat Option For Your Child's Lunch

As the new school year begins, many parents are searching for new and easy ways to keep their child's lunch fun and nutritious.

Parents struggle when making school lunches because they find their children are not eating the lunch they have been made.

Paige Allen, a pediatric registered dietitian at Baystate Medical Center, offers a creative solution to the everyday problem.

"Allow your child to assist in the process," says Allen.

She suggests finding three or four containers that can be filled with fruits, vegetables, snacks, and desserts. Then have your child choose one item from each container for their lunch bags, and you choose the sandwich, unless they want a hand in that, too.

"This is one way that will give your children a little more control, while still bringing a healthy, well-balanced meal to school," says Allen.

The Baystate dietitian also suggests varying types of bread for the sandwich.

"Instead of the usual bread, use pita bread, bagels, English muffins, or tortillas for wraps. And, when using bread, try different whole grain varieties that help add a little fiber to the meal," states Allen.

"Also, when it comes to filling the sandwich, think low-fat," she said. Avoid processed meats which are high in salt and in saturated fat. Parents may want to choose leaner cuts of meat such as turkey breast, roast beef, or ham.

Make sure to use low-fat or fat-free mayo if making tuna salad. You may also want to try mixing the tuna with olive oil, fresh squeezed lemon juice, and black pepper. To make the sandwich look bigger to your kids, fill it up with lettuce and tomato, shredded carrots, onions, sweet red peppers, or any other favorites of theirs.

Snack foods and desserts are another area for concern when packing your child's school lunch. Allen suggests changing the majority of high-fat choices to low-fat alternatives that are still tasty to eat.

"If potato chips are a must, try baked potato chips or tortilla chips and salsa," stated Allen.

If a sweet, chocolate goody is demanded by your child for a snack, consider low-fat brownies. Substitute applesauce for the high-fat butter or oil when making the brownies, which will lower the amount of fat in the treat, while still keeping it great tasting.

Also, replace each egg with two egg whites. You can also try fat-free sour cream or yogurt instead of the applesauce.

"But remember, because it is low-fat, doesn't mean you can eat more of it," Allen says.

Beverages can also be an issue with children at school. Soda should not be a mainstay of their school lunches since it provides many calories and sugar, with few nutrients, Allen further noted. Real fruit juices, skim or 1 percent milk, or bottled water are great alternatives.

"Once again, allow your children to choose from these healthy alternatives," said Allen.

Contrary to some reports, milk is an excellent source of calcium, as well as other nutrients, that is tolerated by the majority of children and adults, Allen said.

"Many people who have a lactose intolerance, can tolerate small amounts of milk and dairy products, especially yogurt. A decreased intake of milk and other dairy foods can compromise calcium nutrition and bone health," Allen noted.

"This is the time to create strong bones with the prevention of osteoporosis in mind," says Allen.

"As long as you are providing healthy foods at home, and are setting a good example in your own eating habits, you are doing your job as a parent to promote healthy eating," says Allen. "The rest is up to the kids."

Allen noted there will always be days that are not as health-conscious as others, but they should be the exception and not the rule when packing your child's school lunch.

"Remember, healthy eating is only part of your child's total physical and mental well-being. Make time to get them off the couch to exercise. It's good for your child and the entire family," Allen says.

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Smoking Cessation, "Forgetting Cigarettes" two-part series, Tuesday, September 12th and Sunday, September 17th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bronson Music Room, Noble Hospital. Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Course fee is \$40. Class size is limited. Advance registration required. To register, call HealthBeat at 568-2328.

"Hearts and Flowers" - September 15th at Stanley Park Pavilion - 2:30-6:30 p.m. Features a Heart-Smart Dinner to be served at 5:30 p.m.; lecture by Alan Wiseman, board-certified cardiologist at 3:00 p.m.; light refreshments and relaxation in park at 4:00 p.m.; Robert Rivest Mime Theater at 4:30 p.m.

Informal questions and answers during dinner with Tricia Porter, R.N., B.S.N., Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse at Noble Hospital, and Sara Sabelawski, M.Ed., R.D., Clinical Dietitian at Noble Hospital. Cost is \$8 per person. To register, mail check payable to Noble Hospital, along with name and telephone number and number attending, to Noble Hospital Marketing Dept., P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634. For information, call Health Beat at 568-2328.

Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Seminar given by Gary E. Russolillo, M.C., Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Conference Room B. Seminar features a live chemical peel and is followed by complimentary, individual consultations. Light refreshments will be served; free of charge, limited seating, advance registration required. To register, call HealthBeat at 568-2328.

Bronson Rehabilitation Center - Annual Reunion and Picnic for all current and former patients and their families, Friday, September 22nd, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., on the Mill Street lawn at Noble Hospital. Free of charge. Advance registration required. To register, call 572-5151.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 26 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., titled: "Supermarket Survival Tour" with Jennifer Giffune, M.S., R. D., Clinical Dietitian.

Please meet at the Super Food Mart on East Main Street in Westfield by the Customer Service counter. You may want to wear comfortable shoes.

For further information, call 572-5178.

The **Stroke Support Group** will meet on the second Tuesday of every month from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at Noble Hospital. This meeting is free of charge and is open to all stroke patients and their support persons.

It's back to school for **Better Breathers**, for individuals with lung disease, experiencing shortness of breath. Every Wednesday and Friday in September and in October from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Cardiopulmonary Classroom on the third floor at Noble Hospital. Topics and speakers will vary at each session.

The **Caregivers Support Group** will meet on the second and last Wednesday of every month, which is sponsored by the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This is for those caring for someone with a life-threatening illness.

For more information, call Kim Cressotti, R. N. at 413-562-7049.

The **Bereavement Group** will meet every Wednesday (except the last Wednesday of the month). This meeting is sponsored by the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m. in the Bronson Music Room at the Noble Hospital.

This meeting's topic will benefit those who have experienced the death of a loved-one within the past year.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti at (413)-562-7049.

"Buddy Walk 2000" Scheduled For Sat., September 9th

On September 9th (rain date: September 10th), you can be a buddy for a day ... and make a friend for a lifetime.

Local children and adults with Down Syndrome, their friends, families, and tons of buddies will be walking the Third Annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome. This walk will help to educate our community about the potential of people with Down Syndrome.

The Town of Agawam, the National Down Syndrome Society, and Western Massachusetts families invite the public to celebrate "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month" by participating in the

2000 annual walk.

Registration starts at 10:00 a.m., with the walk starting at 11:00 a.m. The walk will start and finish at the Agawam High School, and it will be followed by lunch donated and prepared by the Outback Steakhouse (1537 Riverdale Road, West Springfield). Also, "Screech" from the Springfield Falcons will be with us throughout the walk.

The Agawam Buddy Walk is coordinated with the National Down

Syndrome Society, and is one of more than 100 Buddy Walks held in cities across the country. To register or for more information, call 786-6393.

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From Baystate Medical Center...

Return To School Signals An Increase In Sports Injuries

As children return to the classroom this fall, they will also be returning to the playing field for various sports, such as football, soccer and cross-country, as well as other athletic activities, including cheerleading.

"It is estimated that 40 million kids throughout the country participate in athletic activities both in and out of school each year," said Terry Ditmar, a physical therapist and certified strength and conditioning specialist at Baystate Rehabilitation Care at 3300 Main Street, a service of Baystate Health System.

According to Ditmar, many of these injuries are due to fatigue and poor conditioning. Ditmar explained that when an overuse injury occurs, young athletes should modify the intensity, duration, and/or frequency of the activity to allow the body to recover and heal itself. "Some discomfort is normal with the onset of a new or

renewed sports activity," Ditmar said, "such as muscle aches or stiffness after hard practice. But any pain lasting more than five days may indicate a more serious injury which will need the attention of a doctor of physical therapist," he said.

He also cautioned that when injury does occur, full recovery is "never guaranteed" and that prevention is the key. According to the Baystate physical therapist, stretching exercises are one of the most effective ways of preventing injury. "You should warm up and stretch lightly prior to athletic activity and then stretch more aggressively afterward," said Ditmar. "Think of it as preparing your body for the next bout of exercise."

For more information about rehabilitation services throughout Baystate Health System, and for more information about the Sportsmetric program, call 413-794-8922.

FUNWALK For "Griffin's Friends" On Sunday, September 17th

On Sunday, September 17th, the annual FUNWALK will be held to benefit Griffin's Friends and the Child Life Department at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital. This exciting event will be held at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with registration from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Griffin's Friends Children Cancer Fund provides "moments of joy" for local children afflicted with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. Through fundraising events, Griffin's Friends provides these special children with the "toys and joys of childhood" far removed from their pain, fear, and medical treatment experiences. This seven year-old group of volunteers was established in the Springfield area to benefit children who are treated at the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

ALL of the money raised will be used to support these families and the Child Life Department. The money is spent on holiday parties, a yearly picnic, trips, shows, and sporting events. The money buys games, toys, rocking chairs, crafts, TVs, and VCRs. The group buys supportive resources, sends kids to special camps, and offers a college scholarship. Griffin's Friends makes it possible to help families through some very stressful times.

The Child Life Department includes the Child Life Specialists and the Hospital School Teacher. These are the staff members who educate, support, and offer children the opportunity to play and be children throughout this very adult hospital world. They help to make this environment understandable and less scary for children and their family. The money raised will allow them to reach more children throughout the Children's Hospital.

The three-mile FUNWALK will be held rain or shine. If you are interested in walking, pledging money, or finding out more information about Griffin's Friends, please call Maureen McCarthy at (413) 794-8600 (voice mail 49745).

Freedom From Smoking To Be Offered At Baystate Medical Center

Baystate Medical Center will offer "Freedom From Smoking," a six-session program beginning September 11th, for people who want to end their addiction to cigarettes.

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In addition, Heritage Woods is proud to host an Antique Car and Motorcycle Show from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th.

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For information and directions, please call Heritage Woods at 786-9704.

On Monday, September 11, at 2:30 p.m., Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community is pleased to offer "TRANSITIONS."

This seminar is open to the public and is for elders or families of elders in the process of making a decision related to living arrangements.

Seating is limited, so please call 786-9704 to reserve your place.

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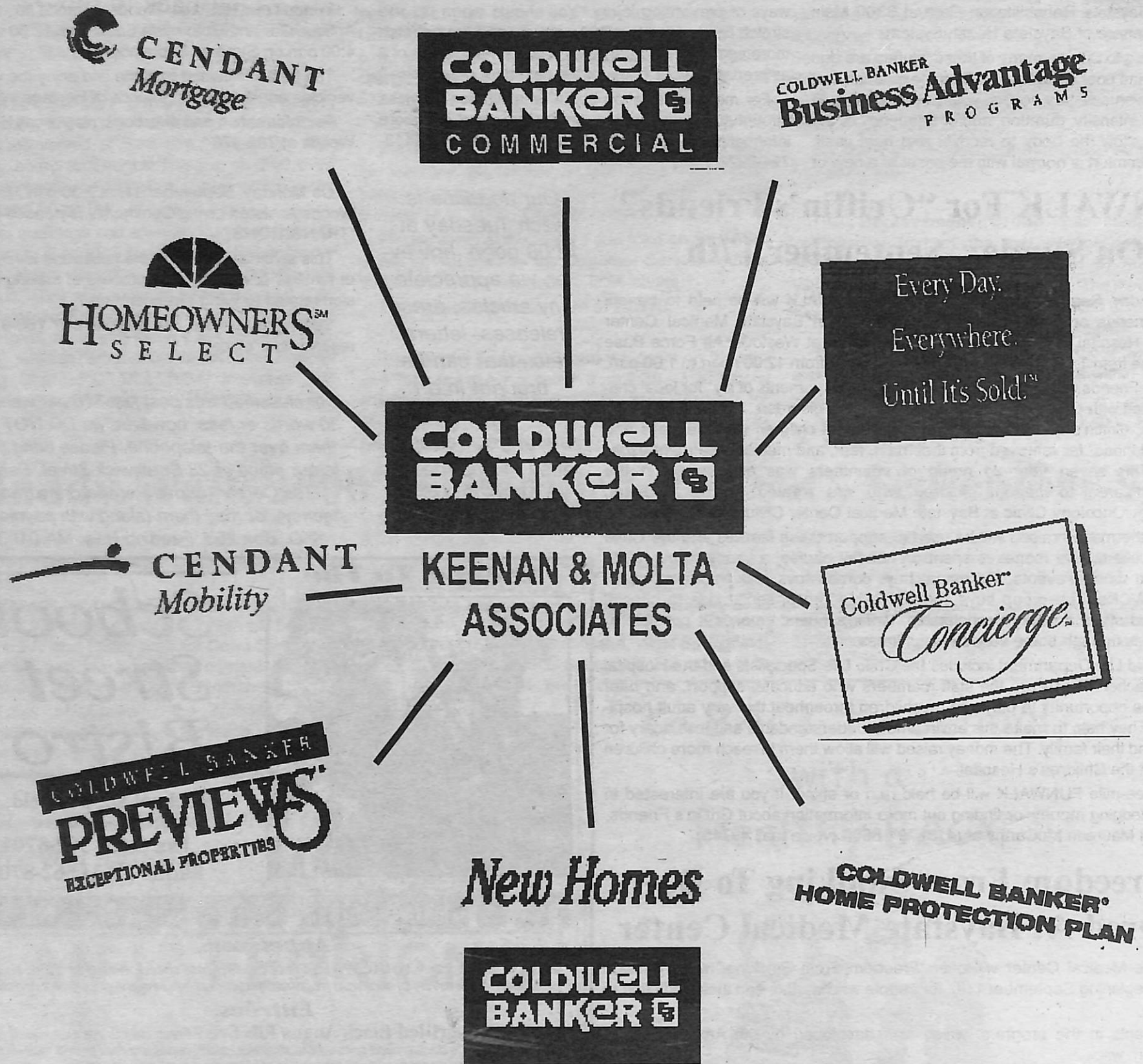
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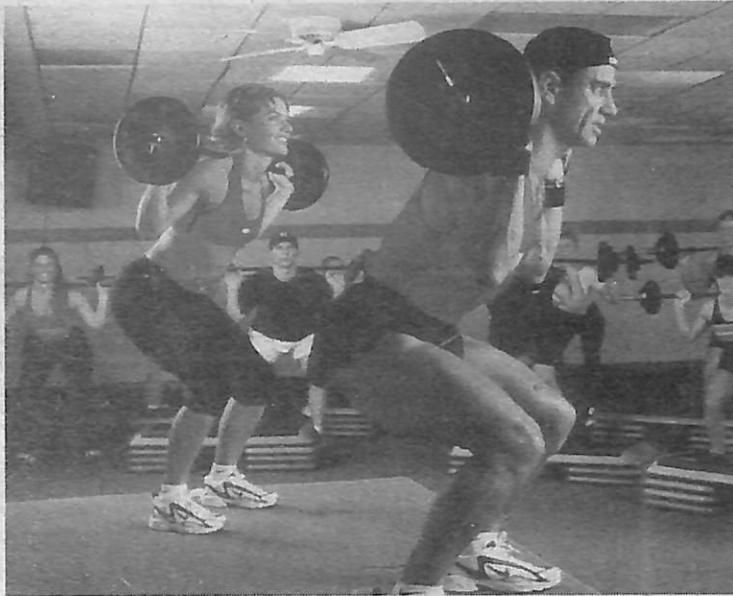
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Agawam Community Artists To Begin Fall Season

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to begin their new fall demonstrations on Wednesday evening, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. (Please note: this month's change of meeting date is due to the Labor Day holiday.)

There will be a brief organizational meeting prior to the demonstration to discuss upcoming events, future demonstrations, and a change in the future meeting dates. Please join us as we present pastel portrait artist Li Zhiyi of Enfield, Connecticut, to begin our new fall season of demonstrations. Mr. Zhiyi is associated with New York Portrait Studios.

The meetings of the Agawam Community Artists, under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, are free and open to the public. Please join us as we begin our new 2000-2001 schedule of demonstrations and lectures. You don't have to be an artist to share and experience the beauty that is created by these talented artists and artisans. Who knows - we might inspire that hidden talent within you!

For further information, please contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

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Philly Cheese Steaks...

Have you ever had a real Philly cheese steak? First, let's clarify what a cheese steak really is. It is not a steak covered in cheese. A cheese steak is a sandwich. Here in New England, we call them grinders; in other locales, they are submarines, Hogeys, Po Boys, and torpedoes.

In Philadelphia, it is called a Hogey, but not the steak variety; it is just called a cheese steak. It is thinly sliced beef cooked on a grill with onions, mushrooms, and peppers. While still juicy, it is piled into a grinder roll and slathered with Cheese Whiz. I like mine shot with a little mayonnaise. If the roll has been grilled in a Pannini machine and given a crust, all the better. Here in the Springfield area, two places come to mind - Antonio's Grinders on Longhill Street and State Street in Springfield, and Quicky's on Orange Street in Springfield and Westfield Street in West Springfield.

(Will somebody please write in and tell me where in Agawam they have a good cheese steak. Did you know you can send in recipes to me at P.O. Box 741, Agawam, MA 01001?)

Talking about great sandwiches, I have to mention
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At Six Flags New England...

Mike Aloisi Of Agawam Assumes Role As "Batman"

Michael Aloisi of Agawam recently assumed the role of Batman in the "Batman Thrill Stunt Spectacular Show" at Six Flags New England.

Aloisi originally auditioned for the role before the season began but did not get it because he lacked motorcycle skills. He was then offered a position with the show as a pyro-technician, which he accepted and worked as all summer.

Prescott Birch, an experienced actor from Florida, has been playing the role of Batman all season and left the show on Labor Day weekend, when Aloisi took over the lead role of the Caped Crusader. Prescott and the rest of the cast have been training Aloisi on the motorcycles and stunts over the last few weeks.

The show, a multi-million dollar production, is approximately 20 minutes long, has Batman making his appearance by sliding down over the audience on a zip line, has several fight scenes, motorcycle chases, lots of pyrotechnics, and even the Batmobile.

Aloisi is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School. He graduated with honors from STCC this past May with an associate's degree in Teleproduction. He will be moving to New York City in September to further his education at the School of Visual Arts, a college of the arts, majoring in film and video.

Aloisi will be commuting home every weekend so he can perform at Six Flags until the season is over.



BATMAN LIVES AT SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND through the efforts of 1998 Agawam High graduate Mike Aloisi. Mike portrayed the masked man at Six Flags and is pictured with his sidekick, Robin, played by Prescott Birch.

He plans to continue in the lead role as Batman next summer.

September 10th & 11th Auditions For Hilltop Players' "The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow"

Has anyone seen the Headless Horseman? Chances are you will at The Red Door Theatre on October 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, as The Hilltop Players present "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Auditions for this legendary supernatural tale will be held on September 10th and 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the theatre, located at 152 S. Westfield Street

in Feeding Hills.

Directors Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons are looking for men, women, and children of various ages (10 to adult). Enthusiasm and dedication are required more than experience. You will be asked to do a cold reading from the script rather than a prepared monologue.

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*A Musical About Singer Patsy Cline...***Cast Set For Theater Project's Season Opener**

The rich and resonant tones of singer Patsy Cline will be featured in the Theater Project's opening production of its 2000-2001 season, *Always...Patsy Cline*. The hit musical, which runs September 21 through October 22, will be staged at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield.

The true story focuses on the friendship between the singer and Louise Seger, who met at one of Cline's performances.

Initially awed by the country legend, Seger eventually became one of her closest friends. The play features many of Cline's greatest hits, including *Crazy*, *I Fall To Pieces*, *She's Got You*, *Your Cheatin' Heart*, and *Sweet Dreams*.

Diana Pappas, cast as Cline, has previously per-

formed the role in New York-based productions. She has also appeared in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Leader of the Pack* and *Godspell*. Longmeadow resident Sarah Hersh will portray Seger in her first production for the Theater Project. Hersh has sung in several operas in the greater New York and Connecticut areas, including *Media in Exile*, *La Rondine* and *The Old Maid and The Thief*.

Several area musicians will perform as "The Bodacious Bobcats Band," which provides onstage backup.

They include Mark Gionfriddo (piano), Brain Guilmette (lead guitar), Tim Hosmer (drums), Fioch Fischetti (pedal steel guitar/fiddle), and Don Rovero (bass). Danny Eaton, Producing Director of the Theater Project, has designed the production and will

direct the play, and Mark Gionfriddo has been named musical director. Gretchen Cohen will stage manage.

The Theater Project's upcoming shows for its fourth full season in residence at the Majestic Theater include *Proposals* by Neil Simon (November 9 - December 9), *Misery* by Stephen King (January 4 - 21), *Visiting Mr. Green* by Jeff Baron (February 1 - 18), *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (March 8 - April 8), and *Cabaret* by Joe Masteroff, John Kander, and Fred Ebb (April 26 - May 26). Tickets for all shows are available by visiting or calling the Majestic Theater Box Office at (413)-747-7797.

Walk-in box office hours are Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 2-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 4-8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Beer and wine are available at all performances.

FOOD DUDE - from Page 30

Pajer's Market on Cooper Street here in Agawam. They have made wonderful and huge grinders for years. "Hurrah!" for Freddie Pajer and the whole family.

To get the proper meat for a cheese steak, go to your favorite butcher and ask him to cut a piece of rib eye for you for the total weight you want, then please shave it on the slicing machine. The meat should be so thin that it is almost falling apart. Take a small handful and slap it on your cast-iron griddle and cook up those steaks.

Have your mushrooms and onions already cooked. Do not overcook these sandwiches. No need to; you will just ruin the flavor. Next, we need to have the right drink for this type of food. In upstate New York, this is a tonic; in the Midwest, it's pop. I like to

make my own style of this sparkling soda drink.

Take a glass of seltzer (not club soda, which contains salt, but seltzer). You then drop ice into the drink (not poured over the ice, because this drives out the bubbles). Then add your flavorings and give a stir. For a very nice taste, try two TBS of chocolate syrup, a shot of kahlua, and a splash of whipping cream.

A glass of that and a cheese steak. Ooh, mama ... now that's eatin'! Next on my list of good eats is a hot sausage grinder. I like the taste of Milano's from downtown Springfield (at the corner of Main Street and Union Street). Take a pound of their sausage with a bell pepper and an onion all sliced up. Add a 1/2C of Bud Light and let it simmer for a half-hour or 45 minutes.

Take a loaf of Balboni's bread from North Agawam; heat the bread in the oven. Spoon on some sauce,

load up with the sausage and peppers, and cut in half and share with a friend. This is a nice way to watch the Patriots on a Sunday afternoon.

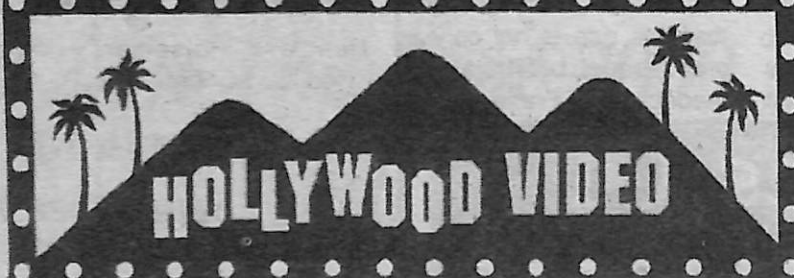
There are a lot of good eateries here in Agawam and the surrounding area. If you go out of Springfield, it will make you appreciate what we have here at home. I'll be talking to you on the radio.

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Beat Carlo?

Many of you recognize that byline as that of the famous Carlo Imelio and his equally famous football picks. Well, Carlo now has picked some great movies for me to review this week! Can Carlo's movie picks be beat? You decide. Enjoy, Carlo, and thanks for being such a loving godfather and great friend!

* "The Wild One": 1954. Not rated.

Marlon Brando stars as a motorcycle gang leader in this dated but entertaining film. Brando and his cronies terrorize a small town and create chaos with the townsfolk. The sheriff's daughter and Brando's burly character start a romance, only to have it undermined by a rival biker gang leader bent on power.

The major problem with this film is the paper-thin characters that are devoid of any type of character development. Surprisingly, Lee Marvin proves to be the only exception. His convincing portrayal of a ruthless biker is attributable to his somewhat multi-faceted performance. Everyone else in the gang comes across as nice guys pretending to be mean guys.

From all of this, however, comes a sense of nostalgia, especially for folks old enough to remember the early 1950's. "The Wild One" contains a plethora of 50's slang and mannerisms. This, although enjoyable to those who lived during this time, does date the picture considerably due to the very melodramatic depiction of this era. There is, however, some fantastic shots of old motorcycles in this picture that enthusiasts are sure to admire.

It is expected that films will reflect the era in which they were made, and "The Wild One" is just such a film. The problem is that the film, at times, seems to mock the era that it represents. The bikers, already not too formidable-looking, seem to have a bark that is worse than their bite for most of the film.

"The Wild One" is not a disaster and can prove to be quite entertaining, so long as it is watched in context. Brando's character pre-figured a lot of film char-

acters to come as well. Just don't expect Hell's Angels here, folks, because ruthless bikers of the 1950's are not the same as ruthless bikers by today's standards. If you force yourself to view Brando's motley crew as truly dangerous, you'll enjoy this ride; otherwise, it's like Godzilla reduced to a lizard. **3 STARS.**

* "The Godfather": 1972. Rated R.

This is Francis Ford Coppola's brilliant masterpiece about organized crime and its effects on an old-school Italian family. Marlon Brando stars in his finest role as patriarch Don Corleone. This film not only jump-started the careers of many of its actors, but also firmly solidified itself as the premier mobster film.

There are so many superb attributes to this film that it is difficult to isolate just a few of them for discussion here. The most notable quality of the film is the stellar acting, not only on an individual level but by the collective cast. Such talents as Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall, Talia Shire, and Diane Keaton all produce explosive on-screen chemistry.

The film succeeds in emotionally involving the audience from early on and, consequently, creates the powerful impact. You feel as though you are one of the Corleones. This involvement causes you to constantly worry for the safety of the characters, which is precisely what Coppola must have hoped for. Nino Rota's musical score also proved to be invaluable in aiding Coppola's cause.

"The Godfather" is based upon the novel by Mario Puzo, who teamed with Coppola in creating the screenplay. Their combined genius of literature and film bring an element of extravagance to the film as a whole. This extravagance is exemplified through the delectable combination of some pulp fiction attributes as well as realistic scenarios throughout the picture.

"The Godfather" was the recipient of three Academy Awards, including Best Actor (Marlon Brando), Best Picture, and Best Screenplay. It could easily have won more because this is the definition of a true motion picture epic. **5 STARS**

* "The Godfather, Part II": 1974. Rated R.

I probably would have frowned upon the notion of a sequel to "The Godfather" before I actually saw this film. Well, rest assured that this one is not only a great sequel, but it rivals its predecessor! Francis Ford

Coppola returns to the director's helm, bringing with him all the characters who survived the first film.

The first perfect decision was Coppola's idea to trace the origins of Brando's character from the previous picture. Enter Robert DeNiro, who plays the young Don Corleone. DeNiro plays Don Corleone with such ferocity that his performance even rivals Brando's.

As far as the technical side of the film, Coppola proves that he has a knack for perfection. Each scene fluidly leads to another using logical transitions within the plot development. Although the first film displayed this technique also, it must be noted that "The Godfather, Part II" takes on the qualities of a narrative since it presents, in essence, a distant historical perspective. Logical transitions are even more difficult for a director to realize when simply recounting events from the far past.

What makes this film even more of a success is the fact that it is indeed a sequel. People now have expectations that the director must live up to in terms of continuity between the two films. Al Pacino's Michael Corleone character is the obvious choice to tie the two films together. This works perfectly and proves the notion that less is more as being true.

As great as these films are separately, there is a version called "The Godfather: The Complete Epic 1902-1958" that creatively edits both "The Godfather" and "The Godfather, Part II" together chronologically to create the ultimate saga. I highly recommend this version for rental, although it may be difficult to locate.

"The Godfather, Part II" even lived up to its expectations by winning twice as many Oscars as did "The Godfather."

It won for Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, Supporting Actor (DeNiro), Score (again Nino Rota), and Art Direction/Set Decoration. This is filmmaking at its finest! **5 STARS.**

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: **5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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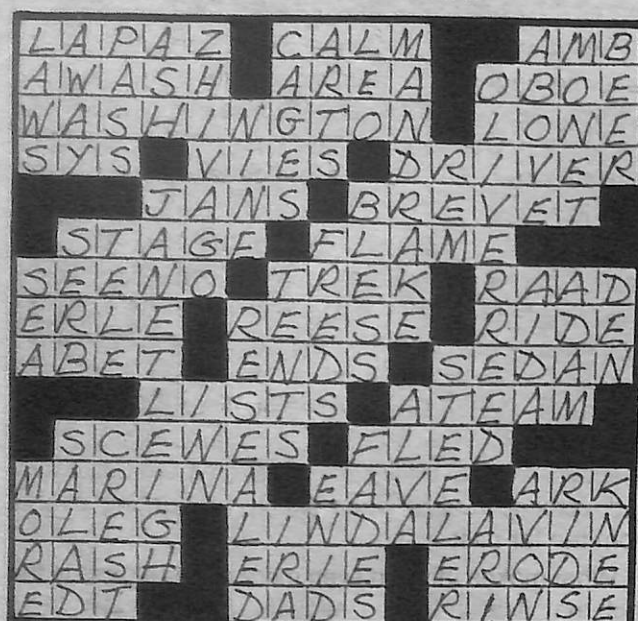
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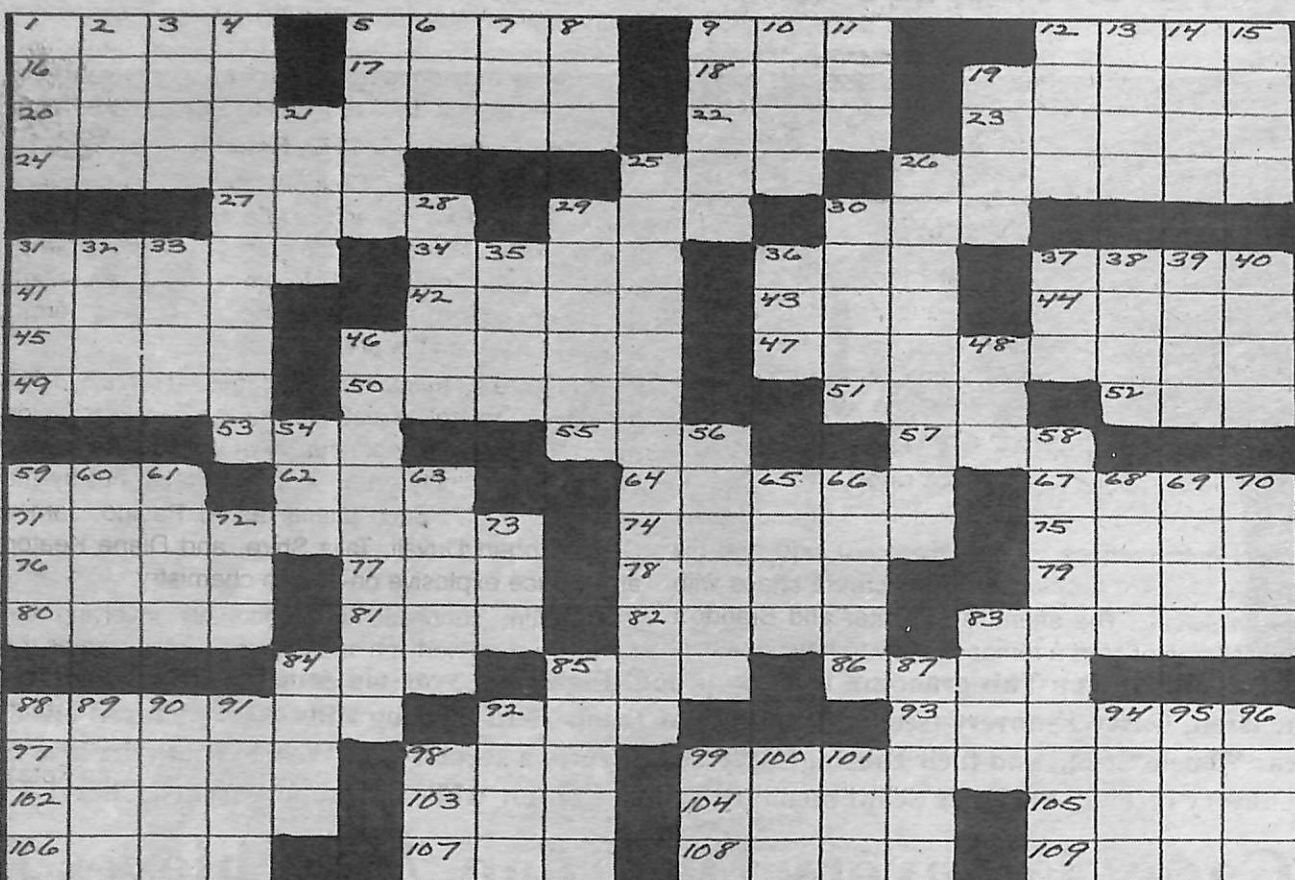
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Education



IN LEFT PHOTO: This grandma is really proud! Eighty-six year-old Ann Flaherty is the great-grandmother of three Eagle Scouts, including the latest, Casey Fennyery (second from left) of Troop 75 in Feeding Hills. Also pictured are Casey's younger brother, Corey Fennyery, a first-year Webelo Scout, and their cousin, Colby Cannizzaro, a second-year Webelo (both are also members of Pack 75). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Casey Fennyery receives his Eagle Scout medal from Ken Connor while his proud parents, Cheryl & Curt Fennyery, look on.

Casey Fennyery Of Troop 75 Achieves Rank Of Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Casey Fennyery on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout recently. Casey is with Troop 75 from Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Ken Connor, Executive Director from the Pioneer Valley Council (Boy Scouts of America), conducted the Eagle Court of Honor and presented Casey with his Eagle Badge. Standing next to Casey during the ceremony were his proud parents, Cheryl & Curt Fennyery.

As part of the event, Casey pinned the mothers' Eagle pin on his mom, and the Eagle tie pin on his dad.

In addition to Casey's parents, other family members in attendance included his uncle, Mark Hallbauer (an Eagle Scout); a brother, Christopher Fennyery (also an Eagle Scout); his 86 year-old great-grandmother, Ann Flaherty; another brother, Corey Fennyery (a Webelo Scout from Pack 75); and his

cousin, Colby Cannizzaro (another Webelo Scout from Pack 75). Casey is the grandson of John & Nancy Hallbauer.

Prior to Casey's achievement, Mark Hallbauer became an Eagle Scout in 1988, and Christopher Fennyery reached this rank in 1998.

In 1990, Casey joined the Tiger Cubs. Since crossing over to Troop 75 in 1995, he earned Merit Badges in canoeing, rifle shooting, art, fishing, cooking, basketry, computers, environmental science, auto mechanics, wilderness survival, pioneering, personal fitness, and fingerprinting.

What's more, he achieved the following Merit Badges for the Eagle Scout rank: camping, first aid, family life, personal management, communications, citizenship in the community, emergency preparedness, citizenship in the world, and citizenship in the nation.

Casey presently holds the position of Den Chief, and his previous positions in Scouting included Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader.

He has also received the following special training and awards: Den Chief Training; 1997 Powder Horn Training; Project Cope; Order of the Arrow; Junior Leader Training; Tiger Tracks Staff; Tiger Quest Staff; Den Chief Training Staff; Webelos Woods Staff; Resident Camp Staff; and Order of the Arrow Election Committee.

The leadership of Troop 75 would like to thank Ken Connor for a great job on Casey's Court of Honor, and to everyone who helped out. There were over 100 guests in attendance.

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Jr. High To Hold Annual "Back- To-School" Night

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield announces that a "Back-To-School" night will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 11th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms.

At 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School" Night, since its usage will be reviewed, and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explains that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings.

Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. Conference nights for that purpose have been scheduled in the near future.

James Clark PTO Slates First Mtg. For Sept. 12th

The first meeting of the James Clark School PTO will be held in the school's cafeteria on September 12th at 7:00 p.m. We have a new board this year and are looking for new ideas from all our parents.

If you are interested in helping or have any ideas, please call one of our new co-presidents - Robin Zello or Cathy Blood. Other new members include Mary Edmonds, treasurer; Kathy Wheeler and Louise Lombardi, secretaries.

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The new plan involves a one-way traffic flow, beginning with a left-hand turn immediately at a sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot; a drive to the

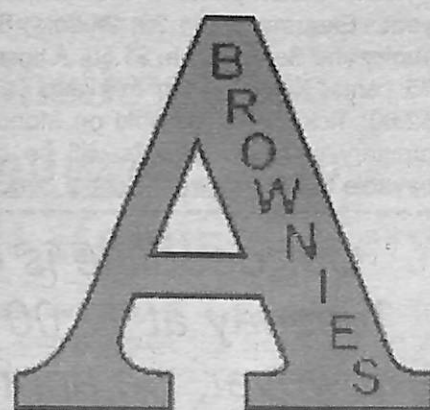
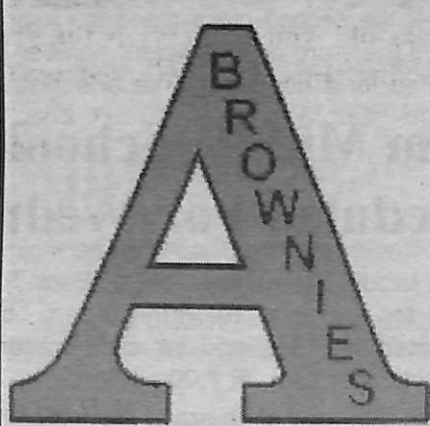
back of the lot; and a right-hand turn to the center, where students will be dropped off at a crosswalk that leads to the front door.

The car will then exit at the appropriate area at the back of the lot (near the tennis courts) onto Mill Street.

A community resource officer will direct this new procedure.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 11th: Cheese-topped pizza wedge, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, September 12th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green and wax beans, mixed fruit cup or chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, September 13th: Baked hamburger and macaroni with spaghetti sauce, broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chocolate brownie or mixed fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, September 14th: Super taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, applesauce, orange blossom cake with icing, fruit cup, milk.

Friday, September 15th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato rounds with catsup, pineapple tidbits or ice cream cup, milk.

Note: Lunch prices will remain the same as last year. Elementary, \$1.20; Middle School, \$1.30; Junior and Senior High, \$1.50. A la carte milk will be 35 cents. Kindergarten milk and snack per week: \$2.00. Tickets will be sold on Mondays in all elementary schools. Checks will be accepted, may payable to the Agawam School Lunch Program.

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Registration Times Scheduled For Agawam Adult Education's Fall Courses

Alan R. Cohen, director of the Agawam Adult Education Program, has announced that registration for the fall semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Tuesday evening, September 12th, and Wednesday evening, September 13th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, September 18th, and Wednesday, September 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 18th, and run for 10 weeks (ending on November 29, 2000).

The tuition charge is \$80 per course and is payable at the time of registration. Checks can be made payable to "Agawam Adult Education." No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there are an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administra-

tion reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them an official transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

Monday classes: English 11, English 12, General Science, World History, Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, EXCELL, PowerPoint, SAT Prep Course, and Candy Making.

Wednesday classes: English 9, English 10, U.S. History, Chemistry, General Math, Computer Concepts, Microsoft Word I, Oil Painting, SAT Prep.

For further information about the Agawam Adult Education Program, please call 821-0519 or 821-0527.

Agawam Middle School's "Back-To-School Night" Scheduled For Wednesday, September 14th

The Agawam Middle School will hold a "Back-To-School Night" for parents of fifth-graders on Wednesday, September 13th, and for sixth-graders on Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

Parents of both fifth- and sixth-grade students will follow their child's daily program and meet with the subject teacher in a classroom situation.

The teacher will discuss the course of study, home-

work assignments, and answer any questions parents may have.

Because there is usually a large attendance on this evening, students should not accompany their parents.

All parents will meet at 7:00 p.m. in their child's homeroom, at which time the program for the evening will be explained.

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Pack 77 Cub Scouts Enjoy Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 6th was a perfect day for a Cub Scout pack picnic at the Perry Lane Park pavilion.

After cooling off in the pool, the boys and their families enjoyed a hamburger/hotdog cookout before organizing for some ultimate frisbee games.

Working towards the ultimate beltloop and pin, shirts' and skins' teams played several games of ultimate before diving back into the pool.

OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

Pack 77 is having its Open House/Registration

night on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Hall.

Boys in grades one - five who are interested in becoming tigers, wolves, bears, or webelos are invited to stop by.

Our first meeting is Wednesday, October 4th, our bottle drive is October 7th, and our October pack meeting is on the 28th with a pumpkin derby.

If you have any questions about Pack 77, please call Bob at 786-0749, Kathy at 789-1377, or Ed at 789-3587.

Agawam Tutoring Program Needs More Volunteers

The Agawam Volunteer Tutors are ready to begin a new year at the Agawam Junior High School working with the administration, the teachers, and their students in a partnership for academic success.

This organization has been working in the school system since 1996 and now has a list of tutors available for working with students at no cost to improve their skills in math, science, English, history, and language, limited, of course, by tutor availability. The men and women who volunteer one hour per week to give one-on-one special help have increased in number from six to 18 and include Mrs. Bernice Beck, Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mrs. Marion Brindle, Francis Collins, Mrs. Sylvia Deliso, Phillip Drinker, Ms. Deborah Driscoll, Alan Ferrigno, Mrs. Margaret Greenough, Mrs. Marianne Gregor, Ms. Patricia Hebert, Mrs. Debra Pond, Michael Marieb, Fred Roberts, Mrs. Lois Smus, Richard Treganowan, and William Walsh.

Their backgrounds vary, from engineers, accountants, attorneys, and nurses, to elementary, high school, and college teachers, but all are united in their enthusiasm and dedication and truly enjoy what they do.

Students are referred to the administration for help by their teachers, guidance director, or parents. Agawam Jr. High School Vice Principal Mark Costanzi works with the group's coordinator, Mrs. Patricia Roberts, to work out schedules and allocate assignments for both student and tutor. Most tutoring is done after school from 1:45-2:45 p.m. at the Junior High School, although some school time hours may be available.

The organization's most urgent need continues to be MORE VOLUNTEER TUTORS to meet the increasing demand for services. If you wish to be a part of a dynamic group doing very satisfying work with our wonderful young people in town, please contact Mrs. Patricia Roberts at 786-8580 or Mrs. Mary Bennett at 786-3739.

Western New England College To Host College Fair On Sept. 20th

Western New England College will be hosting a College Fair on Wednesday, September 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Alumni Healthful Living Center on campus.

Representatives from over 230 colleges and universities will be available to speak with local high school students and their parents about their respective institution and the admission process.

Juniors and seniors in high school are strongly encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Barbara Campanella at 413-782-1630 (office) or Stephen Roulier at 413-782-1520.

For Adults Interested In Volunteering...

Informational Mtg. Regarding Agawam Girl Scouts

Another new year of Girl Scouting will be starting shortly, and the Agawam Unit is always looking for adult volunteers to help out with the troops. This year, we are holding an informational evening (prior to registration) for adults so that they can find out more details about volunteering. There will be a group of girls having a regular troop meeting on this evening, and experienced troop leaders will be there to answer any questions.

If you are interested in coming, we shall be pleased to see you at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, on Thursday, September 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Come along and see what a wonderful program this is for girls.

At Western New England College...

Shelley Rose Inducted Into Nat'l Honor Society

Shelley Rose, daughter of Kathy and Bill Rose of Feeding Hills, was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society during the Fall Convocation ceremonies at Western New England College.

Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes students who have achieved an academic distinction during the first year of college. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50 for the freshman year.

Shelley is actively involved in campus activities, is enrolled in the college's honors program, is participating in The Emerging Leaders Program, and is currently a Peer Advisor for this year's new students.

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- Agawam Fall Sports 2000 -

Season Preview...

Brownie Football Opens Up Vs Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

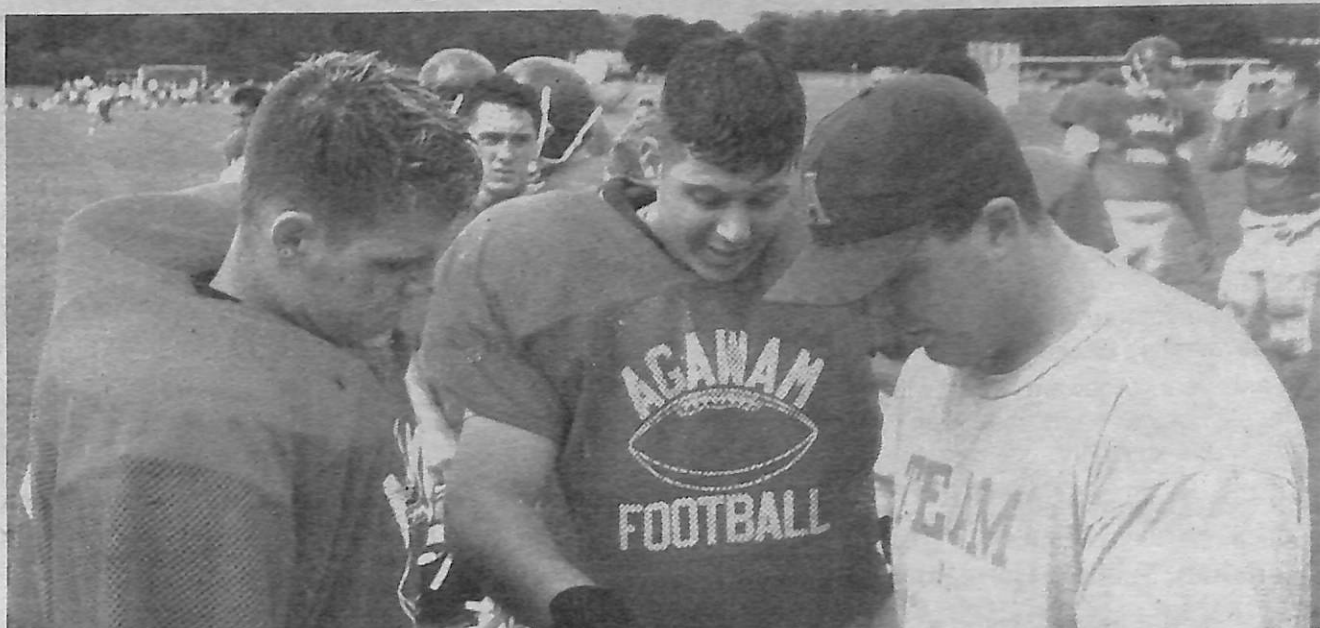
Part of the preview for Agawam High football 2000 has to do with their attendance at a four-team (East Longmeadow, Turners Falls, Pathfinder, and the Brownies) controlled scrimmage last Saturday at East Longmeadow.

It was the first live action of the season for Agawam - they worked out against ELM and Turners. "What we wanted to see was who could play, especially at the skill positions. We found out pretty fast," second-year Coach Tad Desautels said.

It was extremely hot, humid, and sunny. The offensive line blocked well and two backs (veteran Tony Liquori and newcomer Vitaly Dzhenezherukha) took full advantage, turning in some long touchdown runs.

If Agawam had any problems at all, it came in the pass defense department, where ELM burned them with two bombs and Turners hit for a few long ones of their own. Desautels noted that they worked on the secondary this week in anticipation of the Friday evening (September 8th) opener.

"Yeah, we went 'man' most of last season. You'll see us zone up more this year. It's a learning process.



A SIDELINE SKULL SESSION at a recent practice of the Agawam High football Brownies. The Brownies opened up their season on Friday evening, September 8th, versus Chicopee Comp. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

The kids are getting the hang of it."

This team, which went 6-4 last year will be a veteran one that should at least match that record, despite the loss of some outstanding people: All-Western Mass. quarterback Brian St. Jean, All-Western Mass. running backs Dave Moore and Scott Harlin, and All-Western Mass. lineman Jerry Graves.

Offensive Line Is Pretty Well Set...

The offensive line is pretty well set. It's a veteran unit, with senior Isidro Aguinaga (6'1", 220) and junior Brian Pedersen (5' 11", 190) at the tackles. The two guard spots will be occupied by senior Ryan

Malanson (5'11", 230) and All-Western Mass. performer Frank Ferrentino (6'1", 255), another senior. The newcomer will be junior center Shawn Poirier (5'10", 195).

"Shawn spent every day this summer in the weight room. He turned what fat he had on him into muscle. He's strong and in great shape for the season," noted Assistant Coach Chris Benjamin, who also ran the weight room.

Sophomore Joe Clark (5'10", 160) will be the quar-

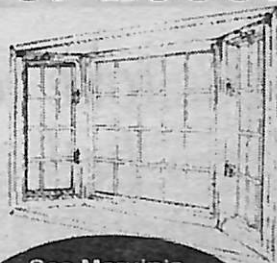
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terback on opening night. "Even though he's young, he won the job because he showed us a lot of poise and the ability to be a leader," Desautels said.

The running backs will be Liquori (a 5'9", 160-pound senior) up front and Dzhenzherukha (a 5'8", 150-pound junior) at tailback. Dzhenzherukha formerly lived in Chicopee, but his family recently moved to Agawam. "Yeah, he'd probably be playing for my dad (Comp Coach Wally Desautels) right now," Desautels laughed.

The wide receivers are mostly veterans. Senior Chris Tedone (5'6", 130) will be on one side. Junior Brian Michel (6', 160) will be on the other. Ryan Sullivan, up from the JV's, will be a backup, as will Vine Tirone (who played soccer last year). The tight end will be veteran senior Lou Conte (6'2", 200), who is a devastating blocker.

Last year, Agawam went with a set plan on defense, which meant they didn't necessarily have any surprises for the offenses they faced. "I'm not going to reveal what our defensive plans might be," Desautels said. "We are going to use many different sets and many different looks this time around."

So, what that means is you could see the Brownie defenders in a five-two, four-four, six-one, blitz, zone blitz, man, and zone in the secondary, and just about whatever else the imagination of the coaches can come up with.

A "Veteran" Defense...

As on offense, the defense will be mostly a veteran crew. The ends will be a couple of seniors who saw a lot of playing time last season - Nick Beaudette (5'10", 170) and Aguinaga. The tackles are Ferrentino and junior Curtis Miarecki (6'1", 220). "Tony LeClair (6', 200), the hockey star, will be a capable back-up.

"Our offensive and defensive lines will be one of our great strengths this year," Desautels stressed. Benjamin agreed: "These kids were all in the weight room over the summer. We expect their work will pay off come game time."

Soccer Alumni To Practice With AHS's Boys Team This Saturday, September 9th

On Saturday, September 9th, alumni and former coaches of the Agawam High School boys' soccer team will practice with this year's varsity athletes. The starting time will be 5:30 p.m. at the JV field. Alumni are asked to wear a white shirt.

After the practice at 7:30 p.m., the former coaches and players (along with anyone else who is interested) will have the opportunity to meet and talk with



AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL COACH Tad Desautels (center) rallies the troops during a recent pre-season scrimmage. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

The linebackers stack up like this. Pedersen will start, as will senior Phil Sampson (5'10", 170). Liquori will also be part of the mix, as will junior Larry Scafuri (5'10", 160). According to the coaches, they'll be an active group (both against the run and the pass).

If Agawam lost big anywhere, it was in the secondary (although no one can overlook the St. Jean/Moore/Harlin scoring output). St. Jean and Moore were probably two of the best coverage guys in Western Mass. Harlin was almost as good. That's why they hardly zoned up at all last year.

However, according to the coaches, they now have even more speed back there than in 1999. Dzhenzherukha will be the free safety (St. Jean's old position). The corner responsibilities will be shared

between Michel, Ryan Sullivan, Tirone, and Tedone.

The special teams will see Tirone as the kicker (his soccer skills will come into play). Right now, two kids have been named as captains - Malanson and Beaudette. More will be named in the near future.

Agawam opens its 2000 season this Friday night (September 8th) at 7:00 p.m. at Harmon Smith against Chicopee Comp, a team they beat last year, 22-14. Of course, we all know by now that Tad's dad, Wally, coaches the Colts.

"I'm looking forward to the game because my father is involved. But I'm also looking forward to it because it's the start of the football season. With our schedule, we have a great challenge ahead of us. I feel this team is ready for it," Desautels added.

Agawam Youth Football Slates Car Wash For Sept. 9th

The Agawam Youth Football Association will be holding a car wash on Saturday, September 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Teixeira at 786-7110.

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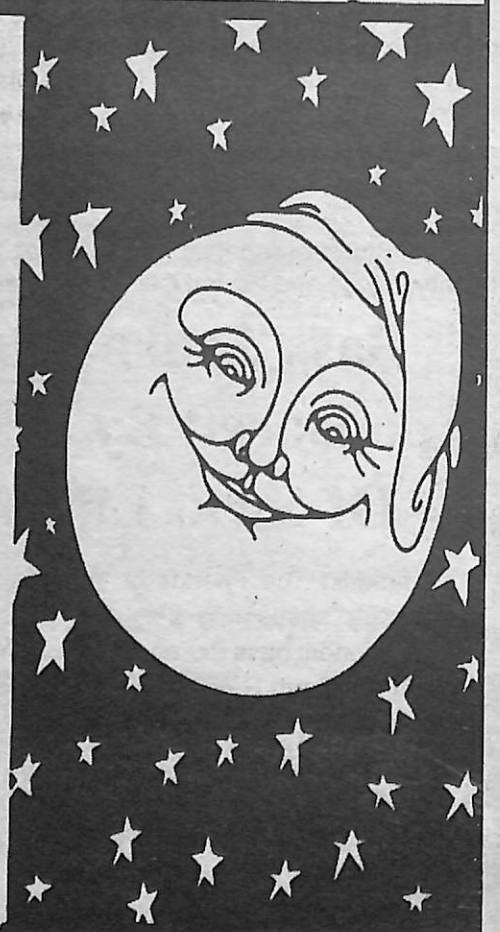
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Season Preview...

Boys' Soccer Begins A New Era At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

A new era in Agawam High boys' soccer has started.

The Brownie booters, who suffered through a miserable 4-12-1 1999 season, have a new coach from the hotbed of Western Mass soccer - Jonathan Cavallo of Ludlow. This former outstanding player at Ludlow High has his work cut out for him.

The Brownies graduated nine players from last year's squad. Some were key guys: All-Western Mass. midfielder Brian Lopes (5 goals, 2 assists), Jack Pearson (1 goal, 4 assists), Matt Quirk, and Barry Ward (4 goals, 2 assists). Some serious retooling was in order.

"Yeah, I needed to bring up 10 from the JV's," Cavallo said.

Being from Ludlow and having been involved in Ludlow soccer, the coach has a good foundation as a judge of talent. With this edition of Agawam boys' soccer, he could see it from the get-go. "Defense is always stressed, and our defense starts from the net out," the coach said.

In that net will be senior John DeCaro. "John is one of the best in Western Mass., without a doubt," Cavallo said. Then he commented on some of the kids who will help out DeCaro: sophomore Mike Carmody at sweeper, junior stopper Mike Crough, and sophomore outside fullback Dave Bienia (up from the JV's).

He says scoring (which wasn't the Brownies strong suit last year - 20 goals in 17 games) will come from a transition game. "We'll have 11 on attack. We'll pass two or three times to penetrate."

The coach singled out some kids who will be called upon to ring it up. Among them are junior midfielder Eric Serna, senior midfielder Aaron Gilbert (who scored five goals and two assists last season), and sophomore Greg Cizek (who, the coach says, has a mind for the game and has played on select teams, as well as in Europe).

Serna and Gilbert are each in possession of potent weapons. Serna has superb ball skills, and Gilbert has blazing speed.

Because he's from Ludlow, the question has to come up - is there any parallel between this team and the clubs from Lion country? "I'd say good goal play and good defense. And, if we can score two or three goals a game, we'll be a force" Cavallo answered.

The intangible is this, according to the coach: "If we are able to be in every game up to mid-season, we have a very good chance to be in the playoffs."

The team will carry 20 players on the varsity roster. Ten will be seniors. "We have had a very serious pre-season. I think myself and the kids are on the same page," Cavallo noted.

The Brownies opened this week at Central (see related story) and hosted Chicopee at home.

Bass Tournament Sponsored By Friends Of Swk. Library

Southwick: The Friends of the Southwick Public Library are sponsoring their fifth annual "Fish for Friends" benefit bass tournament on Sunday, October 15th, at the North Ramp (near Louie B's Restaurant) on Congamond Lakes.

Registration is from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. The entry fee is \$60 per team (cash only at site). There will be a 50-percent payback and a 50-percent donation to the F.S.P.L. Other prizes will be awarded.

For further information, please call Al, (413) 569-3193; Bill, (413) 569-6778; or Ray, (413) 569-6520.

Boys' Soccer...

DeCaro Superb As Brownies Blank Central, 1-0, In Opener

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team kicked off its 2000 season on the right foot, with a 1-0 win at Springfield Central on Wednesday evening (September 6th).

New Coach Jonathan Cavallo, a product of Ludow's great soccer tradition, smiled before things got underway and said that the kids seemed ready. They were displaying the coach's philosophy both in the offensive and defensive aspects of the game.

However, it was the defense in this one that had to really impress the faithful. It all started with senior keeper John DeCaro.

Central is also an attacking team, and it did just that. DeCaro, on at least five occasions, made flying saves on balls that seemed headed for the promised land. His efforts couldn't help but make one remember what Cavallo said about him before the season started: "John is the key. He's one of the best goalies in Western Mass."

On offense, they attacked in waves, forcing the Golden Eagle defense to mark every shooter. That

one goal, save for some just-wide shots off of the attacking offense, could have ballooned up to three or more. There were many Brownies leading that offense, including John Lynch, who scored unassisted on a 20-foot laser beam from out front with 12:22 to go in the first half. Others who showed well included Eric Serna, Nick Broska, Wes Scott, Jim Evans, and last year's leading scorer, Aaron Gilbert.

The Agawam offense had its chances, and with time and more practice the goals will increase.

There was a slight scare as the game wound down. With 58 seconds left, Central had a semi-break. DeCaro came 30 feet out of his net to meet the shooter. They collided. DeCaro deflected the ball over Agawam's net, but he didn't get up when the play was over; he'd hurt his left knee. After a couple of minutes, he got up and limped off amid applause to the sidelines. Evan Machos came in to mop up. Hopefully the injury isn't serious.

Agawam had a home date on Friday afternoon (September 8th) at Harmon Smith against Chicopee.

Season Preview...

Agawam High's Cross Country Team Continues To See Improvements

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Cross country, another third-year sport at Agawam High School, will be kicking off its 2000 season next Monday, September 11th, at Longmeadow High.

Once again, Coach Bill Dillon is feeling the numbers crunch, at least on the boys' side. The guys are down to seven from last year's roster of 13. Plus, they lost standouts Anthony Goodrow and Adam Howe to graduation.

"Yeah we are hurting a little, but the kids we have are quality kids who should place near the front of the pack," Dillon noted.

Junior captain Steve Atkison is a hard worker who runs all year round, indoors and outdoors. Another veteran, sophomore Mike Defilippi, will round out the top two on the boys' side. Other veterans coming back include junior Rick Gardner and sophomore Jordan Warner.

The girls are in good shape, according to the coach. They picked up two runners, upping their numbers to 18 from last year's varsity roster of 16. Though they lost standout Tiffany Scaife, Dillon feels they'll be led well by junior captains Rachel Caruso and Kate Demetron and last year's number-two runner, sophomore Jess Hudson. Also added to the mix will be track

star Jodie Pfau, taking her first shot at cross country after a fine freshman year as an 800-meter runner for the girls' track team last spring.

"We have time trials this week. That is a way we'll get to see just where the kids fit into the timing scheme of things," Dillon noted.

He stressed once again that the results of the season will come from the commitment the kids put into their off-season workouts. "I already know who did their homework," he smiled.

Their course at Robinson State Park is one of the most challenging around and is well taken care of by the coach and the kids. "It's got a little something for every runner - up slopes, down slopes, open spaces, and tight ones, too. Plus, you have to concentrate on your footing," Dillon noted.

He is pleased that they have five home meets this season, admitting that his team is very comfortable with the Robinson Park set-up.

"We are looking at better times. This is our third year and you can see the improvements continuing, slowly but surely," Dillon added.

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Season Preview...

Girls' Soccer Is Confident About Fall Campaign

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Despite their 4-0 opening-game loss to 1999 State runner-up Ludlow High (see related story), Agawam girls' soccer Coach Laura Wray Ramos feels her kids are in a good place regarding the 2000 campaign. "We are there defensively," she said of her 19-member squad. Now it's the offense we have to work on."

Indeed, she noted that the team (which was 6-9-2 last season) really only had one practice session during the pre-season, which is not nearly enough to get anything going. But the coach did say that all the players worked very hard during the off-season and showed up in great shape.

The coach admitted that tuning up the offense will be accomplished by two things: getting more physical and becoming hungry. Also, there will be an offensive plan. "We will do it like Ludlow does it - attack in waves, getting as many shooters into the opposition's zone as we can." Part of getting the people in position will be a passing game, which they are working on. AHS was in a goal-scoring draught in 1999, and it's obvious that must change in 2000.

The coach noted some kids who will be worth watching this season. Among them are senior captain Jill Gendron, senior captain Amy Jensen, junior sweeper Amanda Blair, fullback Becca Nacewicz, senior goalie Laura Bucalo (captain), and senior fullback Amanda Merola (captain).

The coach also highlighted the intangibles which so many times go into building a successful team. "We have many kids here who play a variety of sports, not just soccer. That means they bring with them the disciplines of those sports, which help them in their approach to soccer. They are well-rounded athletes and understand the many sacrifices you have to make to be a winner."

They next play on Tuesday, September 12th, against visiting Cathedral.

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Girls' Varsity Soccer...

Brownies Fall To The Lions, 4-0, In Season-Opener At Ludlow

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Talk about traumatic. The Agawam High girls' soccer team had to endure the first day of school on Tuesday, then they had to travel to Ludlow for their first game of the season against the powerful Lions with little practice prior to facing such a strong opponent.

And on top of all that, their bus was late, causing them to arrive when the game should have started. It all translated into a 4-0, Brownie loss in the 2000 opener.

In all, Agawam didn't play that poorly, especially the defense, which had big-time pressure put on them for about 75 of the game's 80 minutes. "You can't have that happen, especially against a team like Ludlow," Brownie Coach Laura Wray Ramos noted.

After spending eight long minutes in the Agawam zone to start the game, Ludlow (the 1999 Division I State runner-up) scored its first goal from 15 yards out on the right point off a high shot which sailed over goalie Laura Bucalo's head.

After that, Ludlow continued to swarm in and around the Brownie zone. Agawam, despite the efforts of Kaitlin Sardella, Jill Lawson, and Courtney Adamczyk, couldn't get the ball past midfield for more

than a few seconds.

Instead, the Agawam defense, led by Desiree Marsili, Amanda Merola, and midfielder Amy Jensen, worked hard to keep things at 1-0, which is how it stood at the half. Ludlow had seven first-half shots on goal. Agawam never got off a shot and watched Ludlow fire many shots high over and past the goal.

Ludlow never let up in the second 40 minutes. Agawam continued to try and get some kind of offense going. They finally got their first shot on the Ludlow net with 14 minutes gone after Sardella brought the ball up the right wing and dished to Erin Gloster, who lofted a shot on goal into the arms of Lion keeper Jess Vital.

Three minutes later, Ludlow would get its second goal past Bucalo's right side from 50 feet out front. Their relentless pressure paid off again with 9:16 to go on a shot that beat Buc from 30 feet out on the right side. Up 3-0, the Lions closed out the scoring with 3:59 left on a rebound to take the 4-0 win.

Ludlow would have seven second-half shots for a game total of 14. Agawam had two in the second half for a total of two.

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Weekdays: Wednesdays, beginning October 4th.

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Weekends: Saturdays, beginning October 14th.

Times: 9:00 a.m. (ages 3-5) and 10:00 a.m. (ages 6 and older).

Cost: \$25 per person.

Limit: 21 for the 3-5 year-old classes; 26 participants for the 6 and older classes.

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Season Preview...

Field Hockey Is Determined To Chalk Up Victories This Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This summer, the Agawam High girls' field hockey team went the extra mile, with almost daily workouts on its own from the day school ended up at Harmon Smith Field. Did it pay off?

According to Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner, it did. "These kids are dedicated. They want to win and are going about it in the right way." She noted that they had a huge turnout for the team this year, which she has been coaching for the past five seasons. "Our junior and senior sign-ups were in the 60's." AHS was 4-9-3 in 1999.

"I tried during pre-season tryouts to let the assistants run the camp and just stand back and evaluate the talent. I saw some very good things from that perspective," Warner smiled.

While she admitted that they lost some important kids to the sheepskin - All-Western Mass. goalie Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, All-Western Mass. defender Sarah Prussman, and leading scorer Amanda Sternowski (3 goals, 2 assists) - those good things she saw came in the form of diamonds in the rough.

Sophomore Shannon McDyer is one. McDyer has never played the game. "She ran track and came out for our team. Shannon is a tremendous athlete who is a natural," the coach noted. Another who impressed is sophomore Sherri Laskowski (who also never played field hockey). "She'll start on the JV's and will be watched very closely," Warner said. Those kids, along with veterans Danielle Bachini, Jen Bishop, Sara Gregory, Laura Halpy, and others, will form the nucleus.

Season Preview...

AHS Golf Team Has Good Nucleus For 2000

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last year, the Agawam High golf team finished with a record of 13-7. This year, they have a new coach, Bill L'Heureux, and according to the coach, a good nucleus for another winning season.

His number-one player will be Bill Menard. Last year, Menard (as a sophomore) was on the All-Western Mass. team. "Bill does good things on a golf course. He's relaxed and simply goes about his business," L'Heureux said of the junior, who went 11-5-2 in his matches last season.

The number-two spot will be held down by senior Andy Green, who was a Valley Wheel All-Star last season. "Andy is an emotional player, but not excessively. He and Bill should complement each other nicely," the coach noted.

The third position goes to another senior, Kacy Progulske. "Kacy has talent. He just needs a few more rounds under his belt and has to push himself a little more. He needs to come up big for us," said L'Heureux.

The number four kid will be sophomore Jeremy Malanson. The coach had this to say: "Jeremy is a bulldog, a real competitor. He is usually in every match he plays. He'll be okay."

Problems arise when he gets to the fifth and sixth spots. "Those two positions are still up in the air. They are very important because many times, the point or two you get there can greatly influence the outcome of a match. We'll try to get kids into those slots who seem suited to the course we're dealing with that day," the coach said.

Of the intangibles, he stressed one thing: "All the kids have to understand in this game is that one bad shot does not mean a match is lost. You have to forget it and play on."

L'Heureux noted that, because of league realignments, there are no pushovers on the schedule. They opened on Wednesday, September 6th (presstime), at West Springfield.

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Now, they just have to score (last year, they managed only 11 goals in their 4-9-3 season). "We've brought up some kids from the junior varsity who have the ability to put the ball in the net," she said.

To that end, they've put in a new attack. "We will have field formations with set plays. With the right kids in place, our chances of scoring will greatly improve," Warner said.

Perhaps the most vital position for the field hockey Brownies will be goal. Junior Alyssa Goodrow, who has played in the shadow of Dupelle for the past two seasons now, has the position all to herself.

The coach pointed out that Goodrow has some good folks grooming her - former Brownie and All-Western Mass. goalie Andrea Nolan and Dupelle. "Alyssa already has the work ethic. They are bringing out her talent," Warner said.

Another person who is strong in the development department is new JV Coach Christine Mazeika. "Christine is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High and a former field hockey player for us. She also played for Westfield State. Christine brings a high skill level to the younger kids," Warner said.

This year, 17 players will be on the varsity roster; there are no cuts in Agawam field hockey. So, the talent is all there, someplace, whether on the JV or freshman teams. Warner's challenge is to bring it all together, which should result in a playoff berth.

Best local news with
us, every week...

Agawam Field Hockey Opens With 3-0 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' field hockey team won its opener at Harmon Smith on Wednesday afternoon (September 6th), 3-0 over Franklin County Tech.

"We've never played them. I don't know what to expect," Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner said before the game.

The Brownies, who had some scoring problems last year, looked tough on offense in this one. They went up 1-0 on a first-half goal by senior captain Danielle Bachini.

They scored two more in the second half, courtesy of seniors Lauri Halpy and Nicole Dominick. Assist on the afternoon went to Dominick, sophomore Erin Jackson, and senior Corinne Butova.

The Agawam defense was superb, allowing no shots on senior keeper Alyssa Goodrow. The Brownies had 14 shots on net.

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Season Preview...

Girls' Volleyball Looking Forward To Its 3rd Season

by **Dave Rollins**
Sports Editor

Agawam High girls' volleyball moves into its third season when they open at Belchertown on Friday, September 8th. They are coming off an 8-11 1999 campaign, which included a win and a loss in the playoffs.

This year, Coach Pat Demers has changed things around a little in an effort to ring up more games in the left-hand column.

They lost only one player - AFA exchange student and star setter Elena Cattoni, who returned to Italy after graduation.

"Yeah, Elena will be missed because of what she brought to the table," Demers admitted.

Realizing that the setter position would be the key this year, the coach is concentrating on that position. "We are switching from a four-two offensive set to a six-two, much like my boys' team. That means everyone gets a chance at the ball. I saw how successful it went with the boys, so why not the girls," noted Demers.

Three kids have been elevated from the junior varsity. They are sophomore setters Ashley Marek and Heather Cox along with utility player Christine Knodler (another sophomore). Marek and Cox will be part of the four-setter offense.

Demers feels the team's strength will be in the hitting department. She sees senior Amanda Brown, junior Erin Crobin, junior Kara Barnes, and sophomores Kerri Merriam and Kristina Midura as leading the way there.

Weaknesses will include setting and defense. "That's one of the reasons we are going with the four-setters. Hopefully, a couple of solid kids will surface at that position," the coach noted.

Demers will carry 13 kids on the varsity roster. Three will be veteran seniors Brown, Lindsay Jersinski, and Liz Stieg. "They will give us a good nucleus as well as leadership. I think we can improve a bit on last year's record," Demers smiled.

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A Review Of The Six Flags Soccer Classic

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The tournament, formerly known as the Riverside Soccer Classic and now called the Six Flags Soccer Classic, ended on Monday afternoon after a three-day run over the Labor Day weekend.

Held in Agawam at the High School, Junior High, and Phelps and Robinson Schools, it is traditionally one of the biggest, best run, and most prestigious youth soccer competitions in New England.

Jaques Wood is the president of Agawam youth soccer, and he told us, "We were down a bit as far as teams went from last year, when we had one 130. This year, we welcomed 103 from New England and outside the area (as far away as Maine and New Jersey)."

He explained that the Mass. Maple League, which works in conjunction with the Pioneer Valley program, had something to do with it. "They have a certain number of Maple kids on the Pioneer teams. They have their own tournament the same time as ours, so we lose some participants to that." He also noted that over Labor Day, five other big tournaments are held throughout New England, so there is always competition for teams.

But, he noted that they were busier than last year, despite the smaller numbers. "Yeah, these teams were very enthusiastic and upbeat. We actually ran out of food at the concession stands for them and the people they brought along. So we had to go out and buy more," he smiled.

While it will take some time to count up the revenues from this year's event, Wood feels they might have made more money than in 1999. "Sometimes when you have less on hand, you have to charge a little more. But no one complained because I think everyone was having such a good time," he noted.

Part of those good times had to do with Six Flags, which (as a national cooperation) came through big-time. "They were our major sponsor. It was a civic thing for them," Wood said.

Indeed, Six Flags chipped in \$10,000 to the cause. Along with that generous amount, they also had a special deal for the folks attending the Classic - a \$9.99 discount day pass to their park, plus free parking for the run of the tournament. It was a sweet deal, and many of the 3,500 to 4,000 people who attended the festivities over the three days took full advantage of it.

According to Wood, other businesses figured in. "Hershey Foods, through their representative John LaZazzara, brought in candy for the kids. The Oaks donated golf carts for the EMTs who staffed every game for the three days. Several local trucking companies donated refrigerated rigs to keep the food cold.

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Verizon Wireless donated the cell phones, so communications could be kept up between the far-flung sites."

Then there were the volunteers, over 500 of them. They came from the Agawam Soccer Association and friends of soccer (past parents, aunts, and uncles). "They did everything you can imagine doing at an event of this magnitude," Wood noted. Then he added, "This is a long-running thing; they've all had practice, and thanks to them everything went off without a hitch."

He also thanked the UMass womens' soccer team, which traditionally plays in the Classic's weekend college soccer game (this year against the University of Albany) at Harmon Smith Field. "The game is one of their bigger fundraisers. We get the money from the concessions. They get the gate," he said, "which this

year was about 500 paying customers."

In the end, though, Wood reminds us all that it really comes down to the kids. "That's what it's all about, even though the parents and friends get a big kick (no pun intended) out of everything."

The trophies - big things that sometimes seem almost half as high as the kids receiving them - totaled 900. Five-hundred went to the upper-division competitors (U-11 to U-14). "That was our major expense. But it was worth it. You can put that on your mantel, and it's there forever as a remembrance," the president said.

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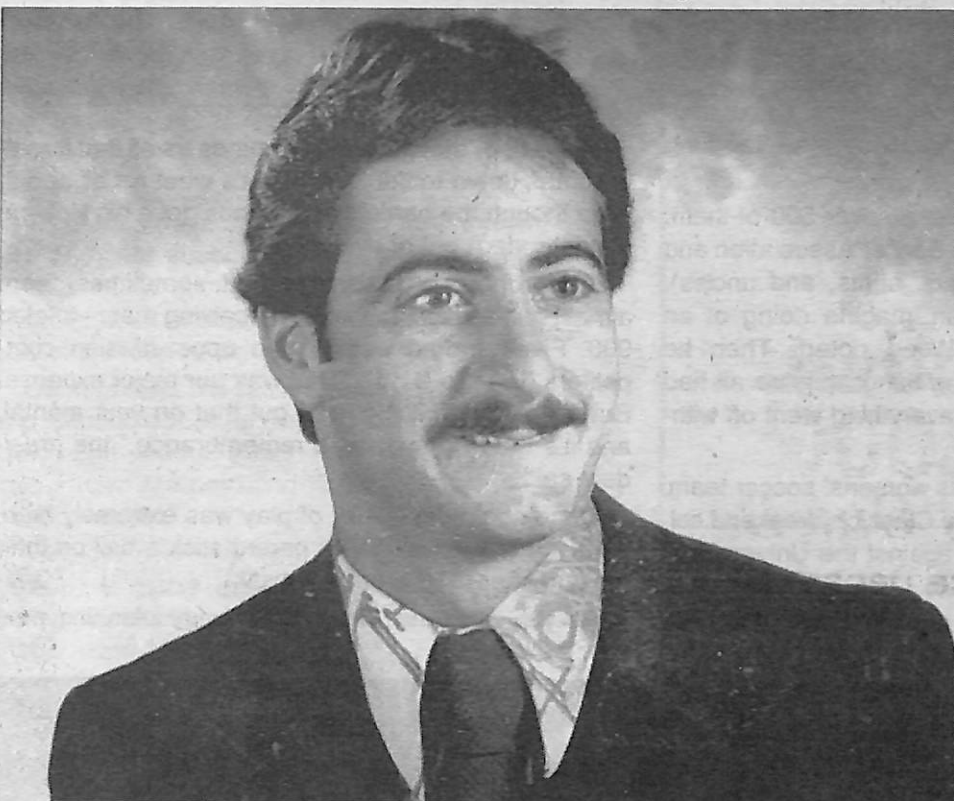
Oak Ridge Golf Club Hosts Annual Junior Golf Clinic

Oak Ridge Golf Club and the Strycharz family hosted its Annual Junior Golf Clinic during July. There were 60 children, ages seven through 17.

The essence of the clinic is to allow the kids to have fun in a safe environment, while teaching them the fundamentals and etiquette of golf. "I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those who made this year's clinic possible," said Eric Nelson, Oak Ridge PGA Golf Professional, "including

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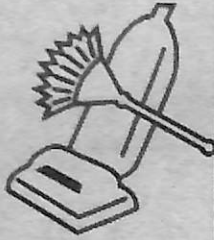
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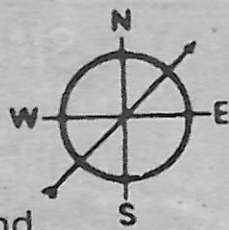
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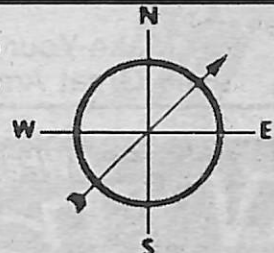
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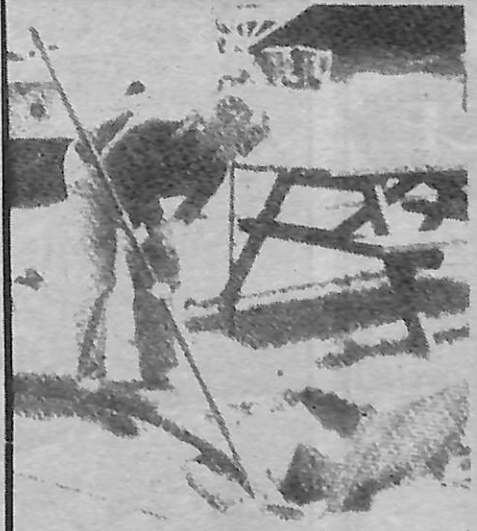
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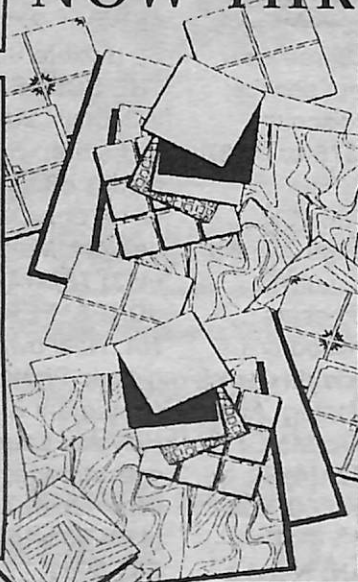
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